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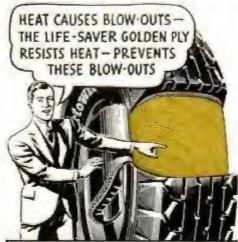


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The ordinary method of placing car weight called for stiff springs in the front, where weight was less, and long, flexible springs in the rear, where weight was greater. This spring variation caused uneven, "galloping" action on bumps.

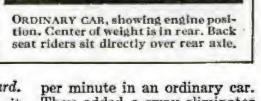
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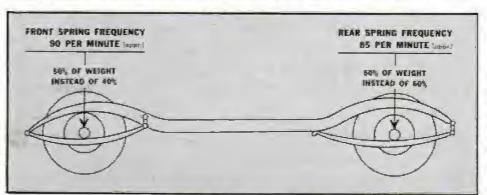
moved engine and seats forward. Result? Back seat riders sit forward of the rear axle, away from bumps and "spring gallop." There's more leg-room,

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Rough Riders of the Dirt Track

If you seek the ultimate in thrills, get behind the wheel of a racer and try to keep up with the wild-eyed pack on a dirt track. The drivers do most of their steering with the foot throttle and their cars are in a skid nearly the whole distance. Piloting a dirt track racer is a hazardous and exhausting business and requires a special kind of driving skill. Winning such a contest is partly luck, partly skill and the rest is sheer nerve. Next month's Coloroto section of eight pages is devoted to the exciting adventures of the dirt track drivers and cameramen risked their lives to obtain some of the pictures which illustrate the story.

Next Month

WHEN your car balked, you used to take it to a dirty garage, surrender it to the tender mercies of a greasy man with a monkey wrench and a screw driver—and hope for the best. Today, automobile servicing has developed into an exact science. The modern service engineer, with his ingenious fact-finding and fault-correcting equipment, can give your car a thorough laboratory analysis. An article next month describes the newest servicing aids.

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Flying the Flyweights

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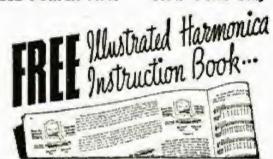
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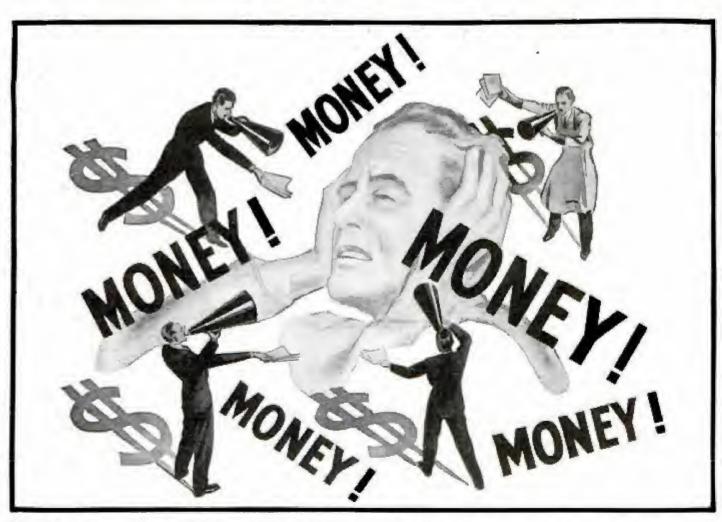
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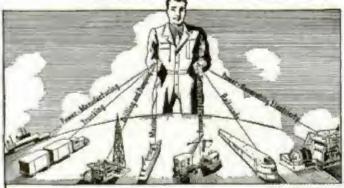
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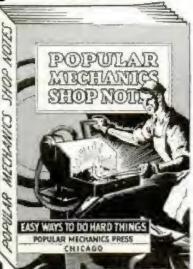
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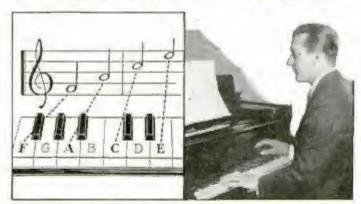
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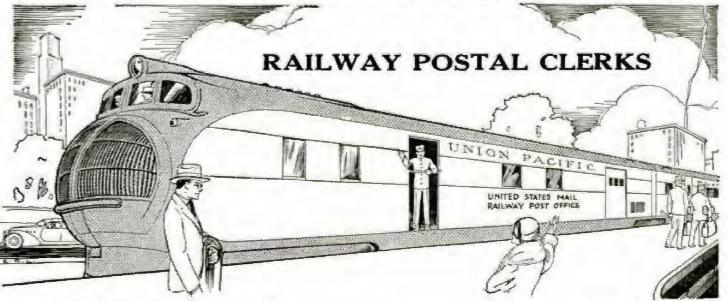
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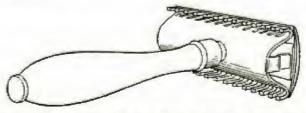
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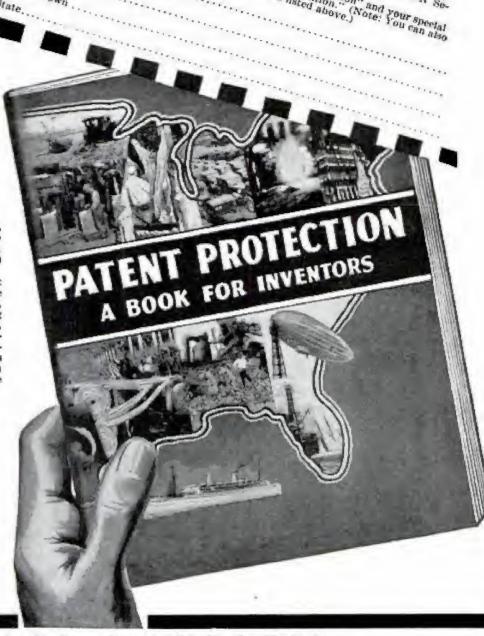


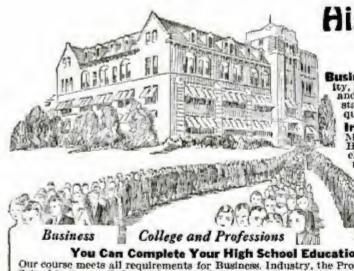
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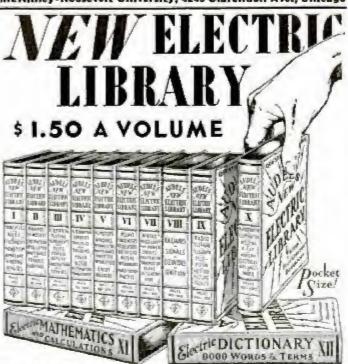
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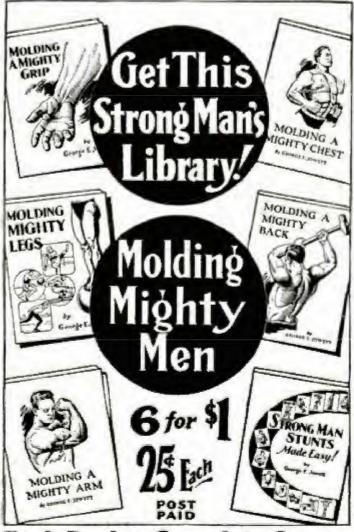
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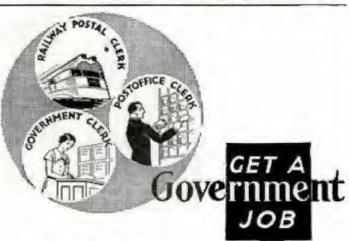
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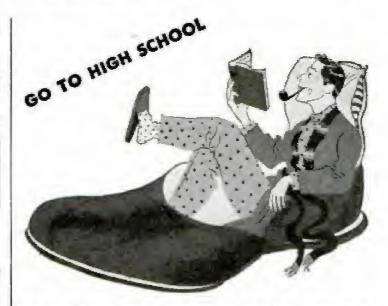
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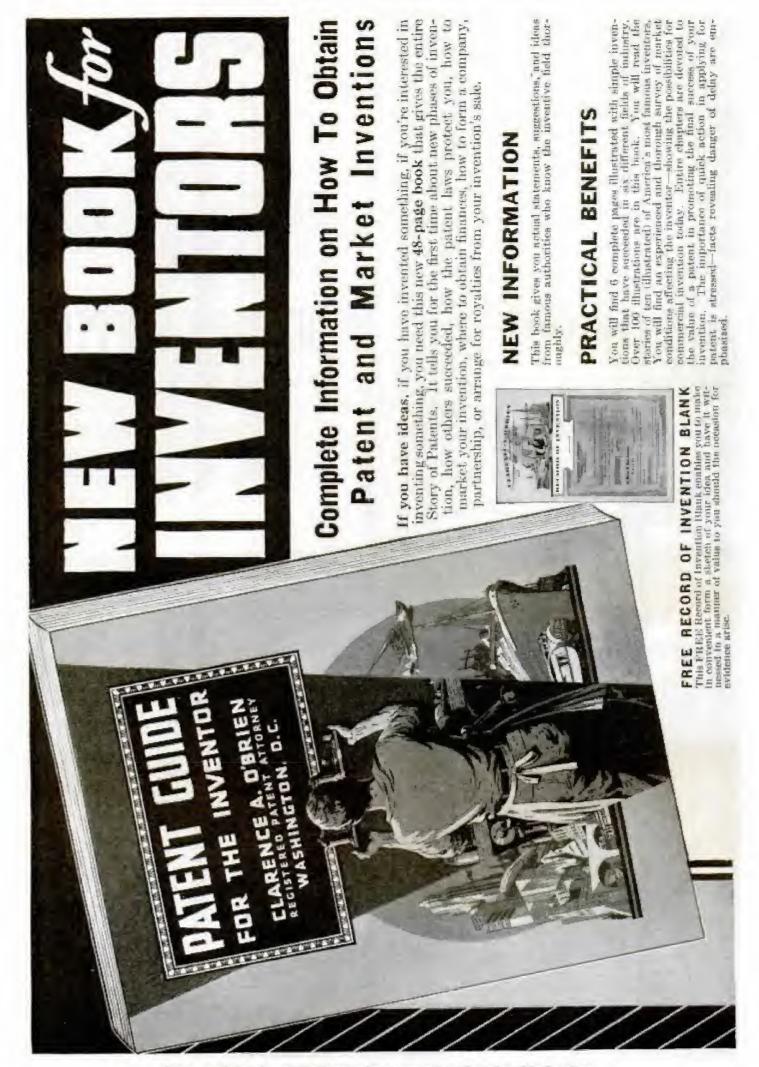
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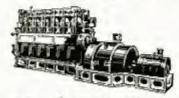


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Clark, Chicago.

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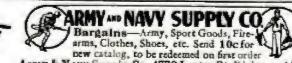
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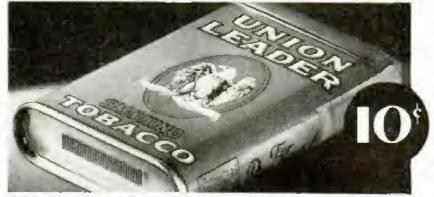
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The LENGTHENING SPAN of LIFE

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GLANDS have been the center of medical interest, particularly during the last ten years.

It has been established that they are an interlocking chain, and that the action of one may influence others. A remarkable piece of work has been the isolation from the cortex of the adrenal gland of another glandular principle, called cortin. By its use cases of Addison's disease, or bronze diabetes, are now saved when formerly death was inevitable.



Above, Patient Reclining on Motor-Controlled Tilting X-Ray Couch with Shock-Proof Tubes; Below, Apparatus Using Short Radio Waves to Produce a Bodily Fever

But probably the most significant of all recent work on glands has been the establishment of the fact that the liver and the wall of the stomach contain a substance vital to the building of red blood cells. The use of this substance permits a return to health of people with pernicious anemia, a condition formerly fatal.

The most important single observation of last year was the determination that the body develops not only hormones but also anti-hormones. In other words, as excess amounts of various glandular principles are poured into the body, the organs and tissues responsible for counteracting

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Once upon a time we thought of food simply as fuel to make the body go. Today we know it provides also the vitamins necessary for growth and the prevention of disease. More than anything else, these researches have shown the importance of mineral substances for the health.

The vitamins now include A, B, C, D, and E. Vitamin A has been shown to be necessary for the maintenance of healthful tissue and for the general resistance. Its absence results in the appearance of a disease of the eyes called xerophthalmia, A relative deficiency of this vitamin results in a breaking down of the mucous membranes, particularly in the breathing tract. and this deficiency is therefore associated to some extent with the common cold and various

these effects produce anti-substances which limit the action of the hormones and keep the body constantly balanced. These observations emphasize the basic principle that the human body is essentially a self-regulating mechanism, and that under normal conditions it is impossible to get too acid, too fat, or too thin, too big, or too small. However, under abnormal conditions, such as result from disease or deficiency, or from destruction of any vital portion, the balance is broken and strange conditions result.

Next most significant after the discoveries related to glands have been the advances in our knowledge of nutrition.

An 800,000-Volt X-Ray Tube in Chicago Hospital, and Demonstrating Radio Surgical Knife on Piece of Beefsteak









Above, Apparatus Used to Revive Frozen Limbs by Alternating a Vacuum and Normal Pressure; Below, Irradiating Milk; Note Gas-Tight Film of Water between Carbon Arc and Milk

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respiratory disorders. Its deficiency is also associated with the development of certain skin diseases.

Vitamin B, when absent, results in the appearance of pellagra, for one portion, and of beriberi, for the other. It has also been found associated with disturbances of the gastro-intestinal tract and with loss of appetite.

When vitamin C is absent, scurvy develops. The absence of vitamin D results in rickets.

Among the most significant of discoveries in recent years has been the isolation in pure form of these vitamins. Thus, the isolation of vitamin C was first announced in 1934 as was the development in pure form of vitamin A, known as carotene, after it had been shown that the

yellow coloring material in carrots was among the richest substance known in this vitamin. At the same time, it was established that the halibut liver is the richest of all fish livers in vitamin A. Thus halibut-liver oil, added to cod-liver oil, produces the richest natural preparation of vitamins A and D. Cod-liver oil is the richest natural substance in vitamin D. Also it was shown that the ultra-violet rays of the sun, acting on the human skin, produce vitamin D in the human body out of a substance existing in the skin. Thus the use of the ultra-violet rays came into prominence and artificial sources of sunlight were developed.

Continuing these investigations, it was found that various food substances can be exposed to ultra-violet rays so as to cause them to contain vitamin D. Eventually it became possible to produce vitamin D in milk and bread. Because rickets is primarily a disease affecting infants and children, vitamin D in milk is considered to be one of the best ways of giving the children the vitamin that they need.

Rickets did not appear among human beings to any extent until window glass came into vogue. Ordinary window glass shuts out ultra-violet rays. The incandescent lamp provides no violet rays. If, however, a new type of lamp is used, it becomes possible to light the home or school and to provide enough ultra-violet rays to have a beneficial effect on rickets.

Rickets, it should be remembered, is a disease in which the long bones do not develop properly and in which there are deficiencies of other bones and teeth. Vitamin D controls the use of calcium and phosphorus in the human body and is in this way related to many convulsive disorders, as well as to rickets.

Since Pasteur established the germ causation of disease around 1890, the causes of many infectious diseases have been determined, modes of transmission established, and these diseases have thus been eliminated. Yellow fever, plague, cholera and smallpox are seldom seen in any civilized community. Typhoid fever is so rare as to be a medical curiosity. Diphtheria and scarlet fever are being brought under control. Yet even today the exact cause of measles, infantile paralysis, epidemic encephalitis or American sleeping sickness, mumps and chicken pox are not definitely known. However, investigations during recent years have greatly advanced our ability to control these diseases.

New studies of the germ of tuberculosis have developed new ways of attacking this disease. Particular attention has been given to inoculations of children with living

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ICE CUBES EJECTED FROM TRAY BY HANDY LEVER

Among the features of the latest Westinghouse electric refrigerator is a tray that ejects its ice cubes. A lever raises the cube separators above the tray so that the cubes can be removed easily. Another feature is a handy-jack ice-tray release that



Showing Easy Removal of Ice Cubes

makes it easy to remove trays that have become frozen in the chilling compartment.

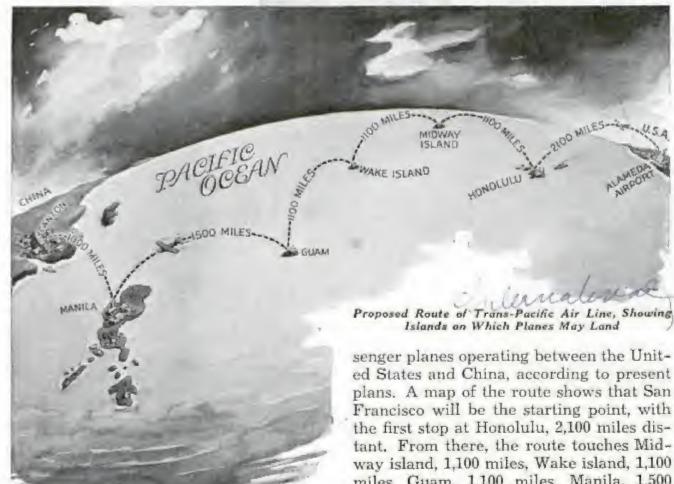
WINDSHIELD IS CLEARED OF ICE BY SALT HOLDER ON WIPER

Ice can be kept off the windshield by a defroster consisting of a wiper to which is attached a receptacle containing salt. Rain dissolves some of this salt and carries it along the wiper blade to the windshield, lowering the freezing temperature. Frosting occurs when the temperature is just below freezing and rain is falling. Under such conditions the salt clears the glass.



Cone of Salt on Wiper Keeps, Windshield Clear

Trans-Pacific Air Liners to Touch at Islands



Several islands will be used as landing fields for the Pan-American Airways' passenger planes operating between the United States and China, according to present plans. A map of the route shows that San Francisco will be the starting point, with the first stop at Honolulu, 2,100 miles distant. From there, the route touches Midway island, 1,100 miles, Wake island, 1,100 miles, Guam, 1,100 miles, Manila, 1,500 miles and finally Canton. The air terminal on the American side will be Alameda, Calif. The navy department has been asked to build landing facilities on Wake island.

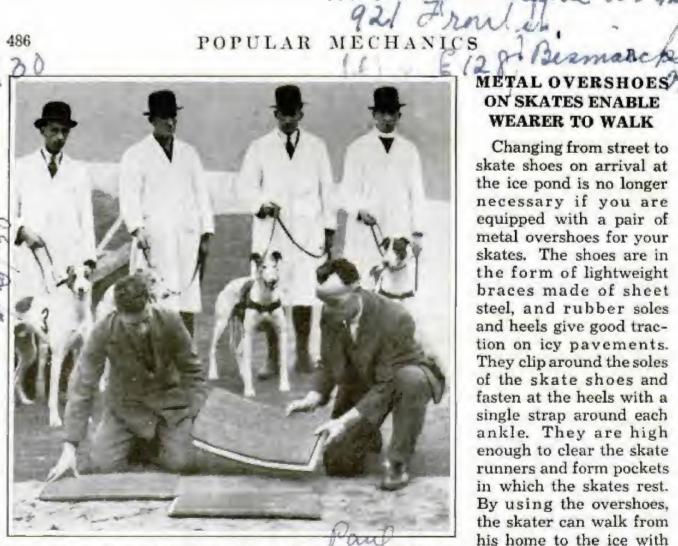
Jack for Streamline Car Can Be Operated While Standing

Overhanging fenders of streamline cars and the independent wheel suspension on some of the modern automobiles often make jacking up a car a difficult task. As a result a jack has been developed which can be used on any car but which is suited particularly to the streamline models. This jack is operated from a standing position and is placed under a front or rear bumper. It has a detachable steel base and steel clamp screw, the brackets are heavy malleable castings and the gearing is machine cut to insure easy operation. It raises any car under 3,500 pounds with a few turns of a universal-joint handle.

(A chemical product developed for the quick, emergency repair of automobile cylinder cracks is placed in the radiator.



Jack Which Is Placed under a Bumper and Operated Easily from a Standing Position



Laying Rubber Turf on Dog Track While the Racers Are Held on Leash; the Material May Be Used on American Football Fields

RUBBER TURF FOR DOG TRACK GIVES BETTER FOOTING

Tested at a stadium near London, rubber turf is being used to surface the track on which greyhounds race. It is claimed that the material gives better footing after a rain than grass. The rubber turf also will be tested on football fields.

HANDY CABLE CONNECTOR LUG REQUIRES NO SOLDERING



Installed without soldering, a new electric cable lug. provides a positive connection. The only tool required is a socket-head wrench to turn a

shollow set screw in the lug. The powerful leverage of the wrench tightens the screw to give a good connection. There are eight sizes of the lugs to care for all wire sizes from 1,000,000 c.m. to No. 14, each size lug being adjustable to several wire sizes.

METAL OVERSHOES ON SKATES ENABLE WEARER TO WALK

Changing from street to skate shoes on arrival at the ice pond is no longer necessary if you are equipped with a pair of metal overshoes for your skates. The shoes are in the form of lightweight braces made of sheet steel, and rubber soles and heels give good traction on icy pavements. They clip around the soles of the skate shoes and fasten at the heels with a single strap around each ankle. They are high enough to clear the skate runners and form pockets in which the skates rest. By using the overshoes, the skater can walk from his home to the ice with skate shoes and skates on, removing the metal over-

shoes while skating and attaching them again when leaving the ice.



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Streamline Bus Is Like Dirigible on Wheels



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Front and Rear of Forty-Seven-Foot Bus Built for Movies; Note

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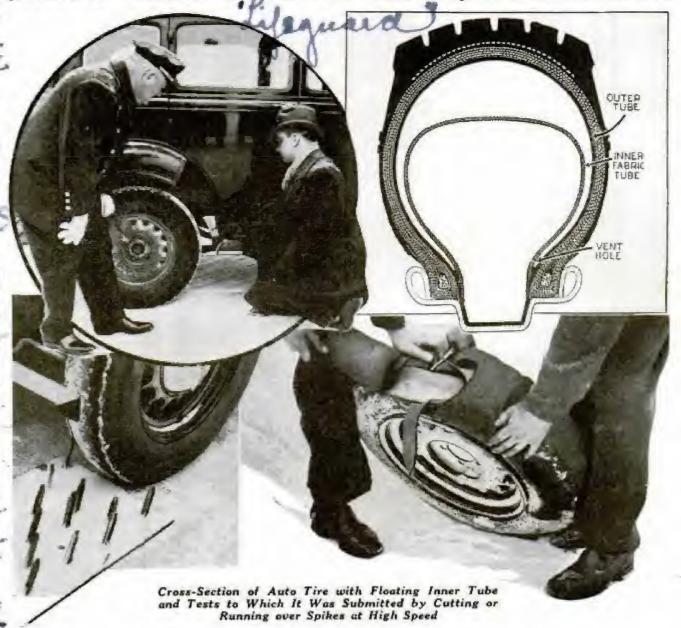
from the roof, and below him the front of the bus is rounded and grilled like the modern streamline train. In the "cabin" are Pullman seats for thirty passengers and there is room for six more on the rounded observation platform. A tailpiece like an airplane rudder and elevator assembly juts out at the rear and the steel plate body is painted a battleship gray.

dirigible on wheels. It is fortyseven feet from bumper to bumper. The driver is ensconced fifteen feet above the road in a glass-

enclosed crow's nest jutting out

The seats can be converted into berths and the interior contains a small piano and a soda fountain. The chassis is that of a high-speed truck with two transmissions giving fifteen speeds forward and three in reverse. The driver uses extension rods to shift gears and the bus has a speed of nearly seventy miles an hour. POPULAR MECHANICS

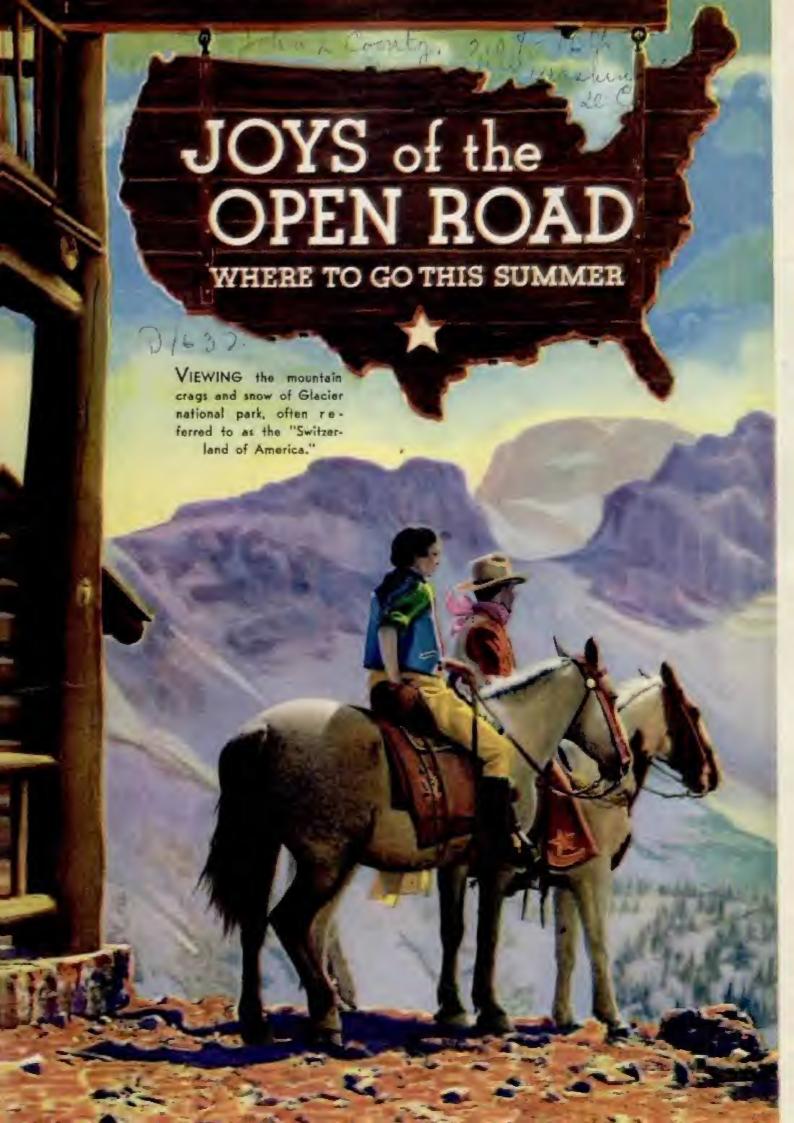
'Fabric' Inner Tube Lessens Blowout Hazard

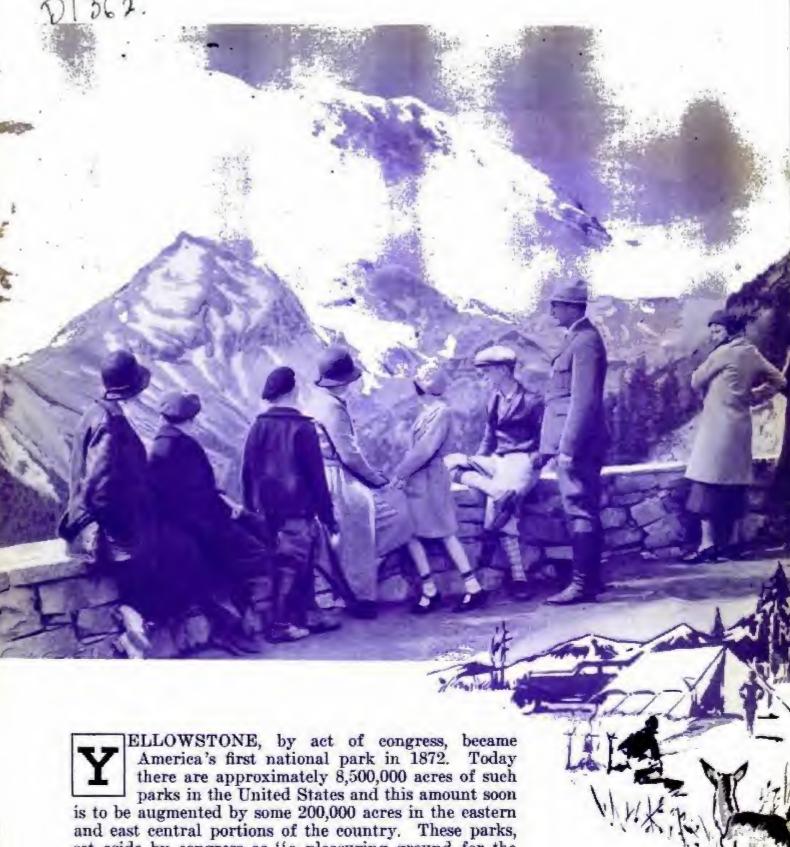


Development of an automobile tire with a "floating" inner tube has removed much of the danger of a serious accident from a blowout when traveling at high speed. The tire consists of a double tube, one inside the other and joined at the base, a single vent hole connecting the two air chambers. The outside tube is similar in function and appearance to an ordinary tube and fits against the inside of the casing, while the inside tube or "lung," built of two plies of fabric, floats free without chafing. When the tire is inflated, the vent permits the air to pass from the inner to the outer chamber, so that in ordinary service the inner carcass is under no strain. When a blowout occurs the air escapes from the outer chamber immediately but can escape from the inner one only through the small vent.

Thus only a portion of the air is lost in the blowout and the tire drops down slightly to ride on the inner fabric carcass which loses its air slowly. This permits the car to continue under control, giving the driver plenty of time to come to a gradual stop. Thus the tube, in effect, converts a blowout into a slow leak. Such tires have been blown out with dynamite caps, cut with a knife or run over railroad spikes at high speed and in each case the driver was able to bring the car to a stop under complete control.

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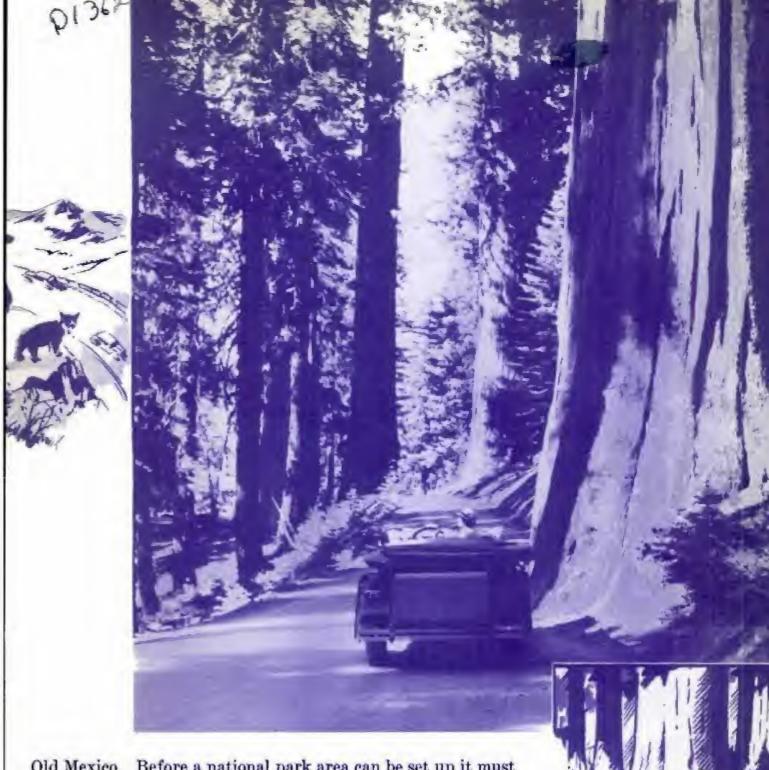


set aside by congress as "a pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people" have become the public playgrounds of the nation, the refuge and haven of bird and beast, the scenic highway of the traveler and the paradise of the jaded and tired,

Our national parks are a typical American institution. No other country in the world has set aside for posterity such marvelous areas of natural beauty and historic interest. It was left to free, democratic America to consecrate to the use and enjoyment of all mankind thousands of acres of the most beautiful and awe-inspiring scenery that can be found anywhere in the world.

This national park system ranges the eastern seaboard from Maine to the Carolinas; the west from Canada to

ENJOYING the view at Lookout Point on the loop trail north of Sunrise in Mount Rainier national park, famous for its glacier system.



Old Mexico. Before a national park area can be set up it must measure up to a certain high standard of natural beauty and uniqueness, for nothing save the spectacular and extraordinary in nature can lay claim to national park privilege. For this

reason each of our national parks is different.

Yosemite national park in California is noted for its romantic scenery, its gorgeous waterfalls, its mountains and valleys and the far-famed Valley of the Yosemite itself; Glacier park, on the boundary between Montana and Canada, for its great glaciers nestling close to its mountain crags; Mesa Verde in Colorado for its prehistoric Indian remains; Rocky Mountain for its sublime view as a part of the great Continental divide; Sequoia and General Grant in California for the giant trees, many over 3,000 years old; Crater lake for its marvelous lake of blue nestling in an extinct volcanic crater; Lassen for its active volcano; Carlsbad for its amazing caverns; Zion and Bryce in southern Utah for their wonderland of color; Hot Springs for its curative waters; Mount McKinley, for its tremendous game herds and faraway Hawaii for its tropical grandeur and volcanic wonders.

ONE of the beautiful drives in Sequoia national park in California, noted for its giant trees, some of them thousands of years old and one with a diameter exceeding forty feet.



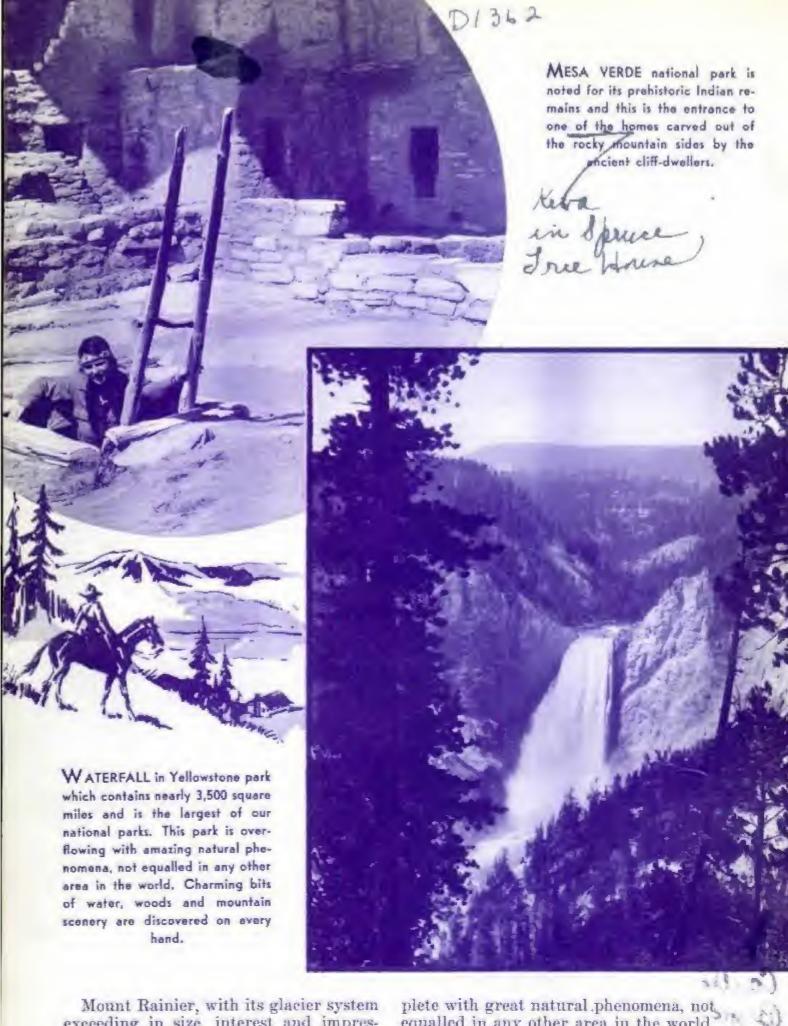
an INDIAN artist in New Mexico and some of his work.

AN INDIAN artist in New Mexico and some of his work. Right, above, scene in the Carlsbad caverns where mountains, bottomless pits and huge amphitheaters are found 700 feet beneath the earth's surface. The caverns have been described as "like a Grand Canyon underground." Right, below, a natural "castle" in one of the western parks.





Deal Cartle Brygg Park



exceeding in size, interest and impressive beauty that of any other country, may be seen for 150 miles, and Yellowstone with its charming bits of water, woods and mountains everywhere, is re-

equalled in any other area in the world."

But of all the long list of twenty-four parks none compares with the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. There is nothing like it anywhere in the world.



Its carvings and erosions are on a continental scale, etched against the background of a planet, showering color and mist impossible of description.

The west has until recently been the national park area of the United States but now the eastern half of the country is developing a series of parks that will rival in beauty and charm those of the Acadia national park in Maine heads the eastern list, a combination of picturesque mountain and rough seacoast. Further down the Atlantic chain is Morristown national historical park, less than a year old, where Washington and his troops spent much time during the revolution.

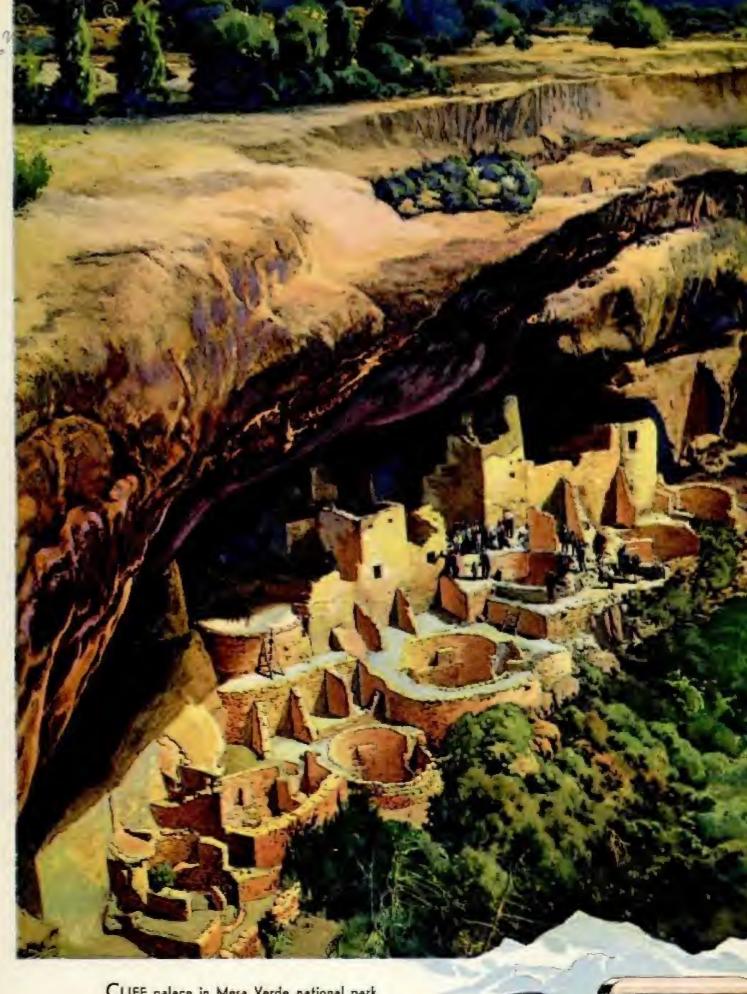
And down in Virginia, now being ceded to the federal government, is the Shenandoah national park, lying along the historic and beautiful Blue Ridge chain. Further down is the Great Smoky national park, the most picturesque mountain section of the east. Yet to be acquired is the Everglades national park in Florida, a bill for which is now pending before congress, and Isle Royale park

in Michigan.

Although the national parks were established and are maintained for the benefit and pleasure of the people, they are also important factors in conservation of wild life. Elk and buffalo winter in Yellowstone. In Acadia are (Continued to page 128A)



VIEW from the main veranda of Going-to-the-Sun chalets in Glacier national park. It makes little difference what kind of sport you prefer-fishing, hiking, boating, horseback riding-all are offered in the millions of acres of national parks and you can select accommodations to fit your purse.



CLIFF palace in Mesa Verde national park in Colorado. Do not be misled into believing that if you have seen one of our national parks, you have seen them all. Each park lays claim to its own spectacular and extraordinary features, and each is different from the others.

Playing with Dolls Becomes Real Business



Artist with Collection of Dolls and Materials from Which She Makes Them; Note the Resemblance of Some of the Puppets to Certain World-Famous Individuals

Dolls are a hobby with Lucille Fink, artist, and she has become so expert in making them that the hobby is turning into a business. Some of the dolls are used in staging marionette and puppet shows for which she writes her own plays, while others are used as subjects for her still life paintings. Heads and features of the various dolls are fashioned from ordinary woods, plastic wood or clay, and the bodies are made of mattress stuffing and cotton. Suits, dresses and special costumes are sewn from castoff clothing.

SIXTEEN DOUGHNUT TIRES MOVE HUGE LOADS OF EARTH

Sixteen big pneumatic tires of the doughnut type insure light bearing pressure for a giant tractor-hauled "buggy" having a load capacity of thirty cubic yards. This equipment is being used in moving earth on the Bonneville power and navigation project on the Columbia river. The tires are twenty by forty-six by ten inches and carry air at forty pounds per square inch. The tires serve as wheels, fitting over small hubs of the "buegy."



Sixteen Doughnut Tires Support This "Buggy" Which Has a Capacity of Thirty Cubic Yards

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IGH-SPEED automobiles raise high temperatures and the combination is likely to cause trouble for your car unless you give some thought to lubrication.

On the firing line of research, many talented men are pursuing the mysteries of auto lubrication. A vast sum is being spent to gain more information about the properties of black petroleum and finding the ideal method for subtracting undesirable substances from crude oil.

Oil refining today is one of the most exacting and painstaking operations; it is chemistry and physics playing the part of mother and nurse to the automotive industry. It was recently established that fewer than one driver in ten knows the grade of oil prescribed for his automobile for various seasons. But if you intend to operate your car efficiently and economically, it is certainly to your advantage to know the grade and viscosity of the oil which goes into the crankcase.

The modern car is capable of attaining ninety and 100 miles per hour, and this grueling pace causes the pistons to travel at the rate of 3,100 feet per minute, while flame velocities past the exhaust valve stems reach 100 miles per hour and the heat of the valve stems reaches 700 degrees. The strain of such speeds and heats are transmitted from the metal parts to the lubricants. If the lubricants can't absorb the strain, something cracks.

Several years ago Standard Oil of Indiana initiated the practice of refining oil by the use of a chemical, propane, also



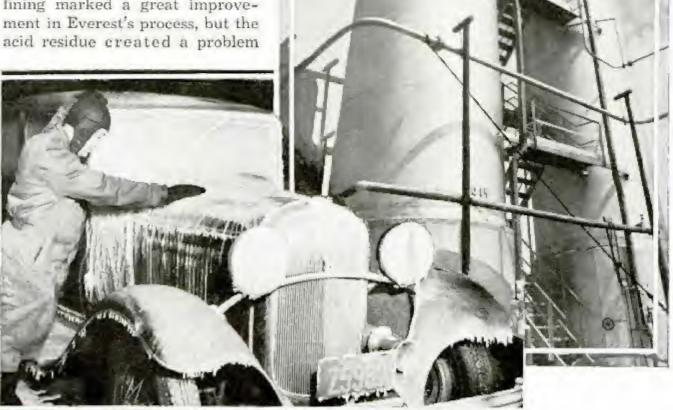
Above, Testing Effect of Low Temperature on Two Grades of Qil; Below, Scale Shows Load on Nearby Auto Engine

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PERFECT OIL

made from petroleum. That started a virtual revolution in the industry. Propane as a solvent removes certain harmful substances from the oil by "washing" them out, and not by any chemical action.

The first American refiner, Hiram B. Everest, of Rochester, N. Y., started with a crude still in which the gasoline and kerosene were boiled off the oil, yielding an oozy substance which passed for engine lubricant. Sulphuric acid refining marked a great improvement in Everest's process, but the acid residue created a problem



Testing Motor Oil in a Room Where the Temperature Is Forty Below Zero and the High Propane Towers of a New Jersey Oil Refinery

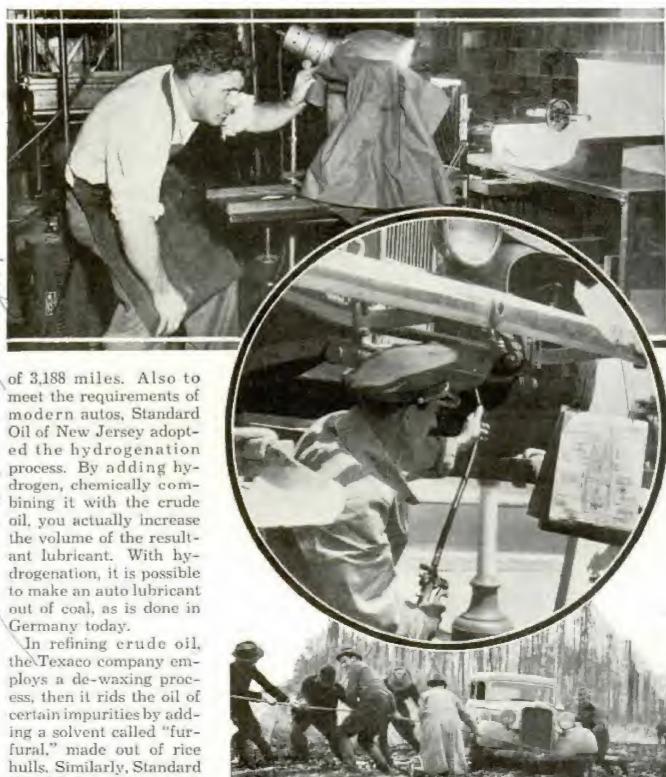
because the refiners did not know how to get rid of it. Clay refining came after sulphuric acid.

Clay and acid refining were responsible for most of our lubricating oil until solvent refining came into the picture. It is now widely used and the process is subject to many variations by different companies. The latest development in solvent refining was recently announced by the Socony-Vacuum Oil company, which spent \$3,000,-

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000 in developing what it claims is the first oil refining process to make use of two solvents, propane and cresyllic acid. One solvent washes away all substances which tend to form carbon; the other removes substances which tend to increase the viscosity at variable temperatures. In a transcontinental test run by Harry Hartz, the auto racer, only two and one-half quarts of the new Socony "clearosol" refined oil were consumed over a distance

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Top, Photographing Gear as Part of Oil Test; in Circle, Using Lubrication Chart; Below, Test Car in Canada Used to Prove Best Grade of Oil

Oil of Indiana starts with a de-waxing process and ends with a purification

process in which "chlorex" is the solvent. The Imperial Oil Refinery, of

Canada, uses phenol or carbolic acid as its selective solvent.

The Tide Water Oil company uses a fractionation process of distillation. The necessary apparatus is a furnace for turning the liquid crude into crude vapor, and a fractionation tower where the vapors are

allowed to cool and settle in the different sections of the tower according to their volatility. The lubricating fraction is drawn off and chilled to a low temperature before being pumped through a filter press which separates the bulk of the crystalline wax from the oil.

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The Society of Automotive Engineers has undertaken to educate the public away from the so-called heavy oils, and has advised refiners to stress the advantages of light oils. The use of lighter oils means an increased consumption, of course; on the other hand, the use of heavy oil accounts for an increased gasoline consumption. Before long such inexact terms as light, medium, and heavy oil are likely to disappear. Hereafter, the most convenient way to refer to an oil's body viscosity will be by the number system adopted by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

This method of choosing a motor oil is as follows: You receive instructions as to the proper oil from the automobile manufacturer. For ordinary weather conditions, this oil will serve your car adequately. But suppose a man in Chicago needs a change of oil on January 10. Since the temperature at that time of the year runs around twenty degrees, he should ask for 20-W oil. If, after changing, he should see a forecast of sub-zero weather, he is advised to change his oil or to dilute it with ten per cent of kerosene.

Between thirty-two and 100 degrees Fahrenheit, the S.A.E. recommends S.A.E. 30. For traveling at high speeds, or for temperatures higher than 100 degrees, it recommends S.A.E. 40 and S.A.E. 50. The designations 10-W and 20-W refer to special winter oils.

The oil which was sold on the market in 1925 would be the ruination of modern automobiles. The improvements in refin ing have leaped ahead with automotive ; engineering. It is plain that the high speeds ? and high temperatures developed by modern cars would greatly increase oil consumption were it not for the automobile's mechanical improvements. Hence, increased speeds have not added to the cost of giving a car the proper lubrication.

In tests with gears, one refiner discovered he could make two metal surfaces "seize" each other if he polished them very smooth and flat. Evidently, a very powerful cohesive force can exist between two clean metal surfaces brought close enough together. The new high-pressure lubricants have the property of forming a layer other than oil between the gear teeth. Assa little is definitely known.

FASTER KEY SENDS RADIO CODE AT FIFTY WORDS A MINUTE



High-Speed Key Designed to Increase Rate of Transmission of Radio Code

Between fifty and sixty words per minute can be transmitted by a semi-automatic key designed to speed up the sending of radio code. The key now used by the United States navy is said to be capable of transmitting only thirty to thirtyfive words a minute. The new sending equipment was invented by T. R. McElroy, champion telegraph speed sender.

HOT WATER GAS CONVERTER MAKES TANK AUTOMATIC

Conversion of a range boiler into an automatic hot water storage tank is made

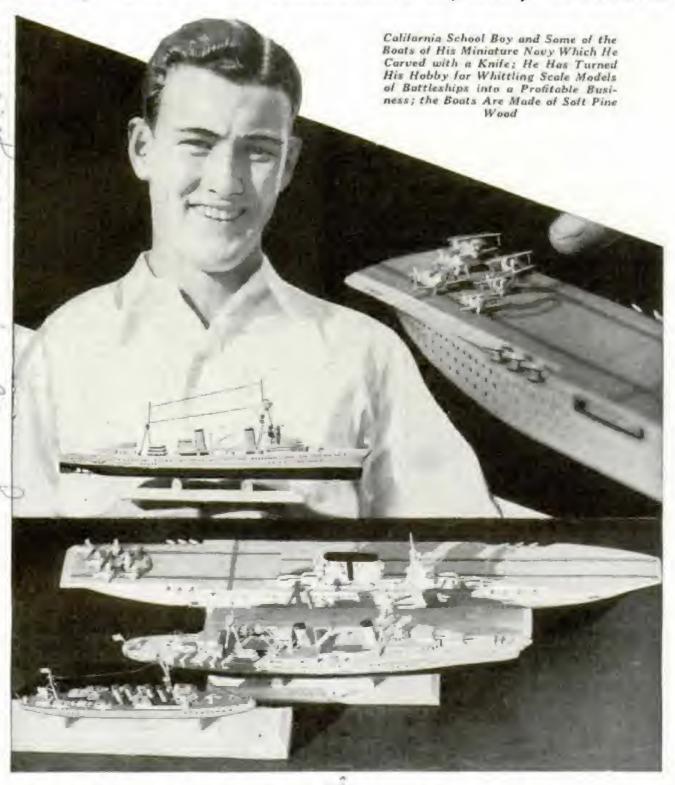


easy by a small gas heater about the size of a thermos bottle. The unit has no coils, a fin-type construction giving a heating efficiency of eighty per cent. An adjustable thermostat is provided to assure an extra supply of hot water when de-

sired. The burner has an automatic cutoff to guard against the flame being extinguished accidentally. Gas consumption is to the real nature of this mysterious layer low, the maximum about six cubic feet per hour for heating five gallons of water.

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'Navy' Carved in Miniature by Boy Whittler



turned a penchant for whittling into a . small penknife and a block plane. profitable hobby. He began carving models of the entire fleet to scale dimensions Popular Mechanics Magazine does not of one inch for fifty feet. He completed publish the name of the maker of, or dealels and now the boy finds a market for companied by stamped envelope.

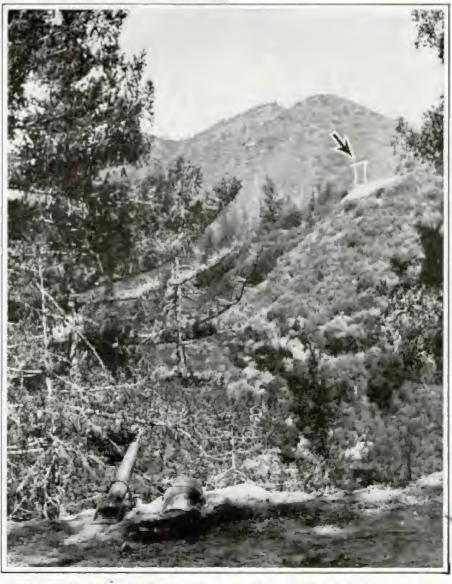
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When the fleet anchored off Long Beach, boats as fast as he can turn them out. He Calif., Jack Rittmayer, a high school boy, uses soft pine wood and his tools are a

fifteen ships, working two or three weeks - er in, any device described in its pages, but in spare time on each. Navy folk and ma- - this information will be furnished by our rine enthusiasts began hearing of the mod- Bureau of Information upon request, ac-

Cannon Used to Fire Power Line over Ravine

In constructing a California power line it was necessary to string the conductors across several canyons and heavily wooded areas. The usual method for placing power lines is to lay them on the ground, then lift them into place on the towers or poles. This method, however, would have required clearing the trees from the right of way, so linemen used a cannon to do the work. The cannon was similar to those used to shoot lines to stranded ships and the projectile was a piece of steel shaft fitting loosely in the cannon and equipped with an eye-bolt to which a line was attached. This projectile trailed as much as 1,500 feet of rope and after some practice the workmen often shot the rope directly over the cross arms of the towers. It was then a simple matter to draw the conductor line into place.



Cannon Which Shoots Power Line over Heavily Wooded Areas; Arrow Indicates Tower at Which the Gun with Its Line Is Aimed

BICYCLE HORN-AND-LAMP UNIT WORKS ON ONE BATTERY

Operating on one standard No. 6 dry cell, a combination horn and headlight for the bicycle is designed for center mounting on top of the truss fork rods. The out-

fit is complete with battery case, all wiring and button for sounding the horn. A slide switch controls the headlamp. Scientific construction makes the lamp highly efficient when a Mazda No.



when a Mazda No. 19 bulb, one and one- wings, which could be heated to preve half molts, is used. Lamp and horn are ice formation, and for heated clothing.

chrome finished, with a red finish showing through cross-bars over the mouth of the horn to give an attractive appearance.

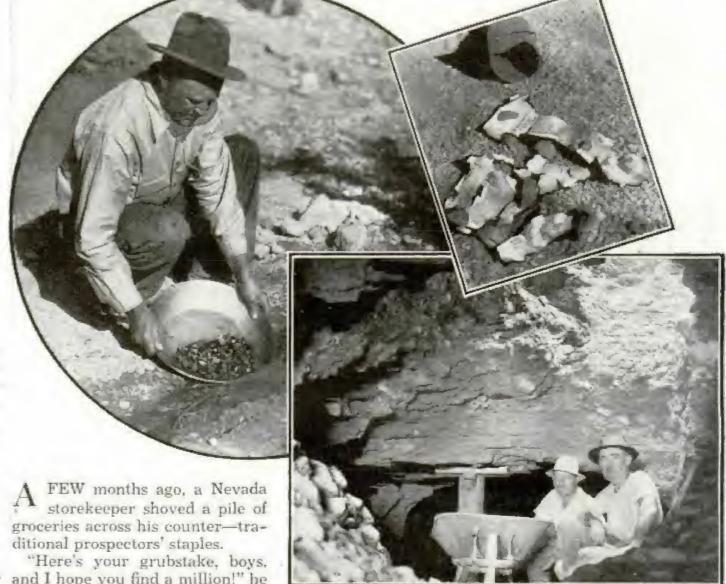
ELECTRICALLY HEATED CLOTH

Cloth which can be warmed by electric current recently has been produced. Copper wire is inter-spun with cotton, silk, wool or rayon into threads which can be woven or knitted without special machinery. The fine copper wire is lacquered before spinning and fabrics containing the wire do not stretch or shrink. It has many possibilities including its use in rugs which might be connected to a light socket to warm a room and as a fabric for airplane wings, which could be heated to prevent ice formation, and for heated clothing.

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Working an Old Digging, Panning Gravel and the Remnants of a Location Notice Filed on an Old Claim

and I hope you find a million!" he told the four men gathered there.

Today he is a fifth owner in a mine which is yielding tons of rich ore assaying as high as two dollars a

pound.

Tired of combing the country for a new prospect, the four men went into the Chiquita mine, abandoned many years ago by owners who thought the vein exhausted. They tunneled through solid rock until they encountered a "stringer" leading to great values. The new owners had no trouble in finding capital to back them.

Now, in electrically-lighted tunnels, power machines are driving into the rock far faster than pick and shovel.

Are the old diggings exhausted? That's the question being discussed in mining centers of the west. Miners will tell you about old Frank Shore, who took 175 ounces of gold from a single pocket in the side of an old drift that missed the deposit by only six inches; or of the man who



NINERS Overlooked



Mining Camp from Which Prospectors Go into the Surrounding Hills to Work Old Diggings

drove his pick into the blank end of an abandoned tunnel and took out a twenty-four-ounce nugget, worth \$840.

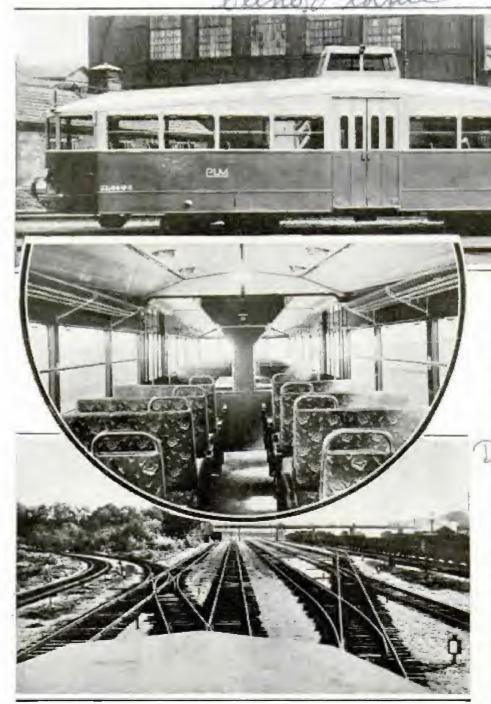
Why didn't the old-time prospectors find all the gold?

One reason is that many were looking for gold in simple forms that could be easily smelted and readily recognized. Frequently they lacked the advantage of thorough assaying, or had to pass by low-grade ore on account of the cost of transportation. Then, too, few prospectors were scientifically trained.

Forty years ago, for example, the vein at the Stray Horse mine suddenly ran into a "fault," where the earth had slipped abruptly. An "expert" was called and reported that the slip was to the south. The owners tunneled southward 140 feet in barren rock and quit. Recently a new group went into the mine and drifted north. Within twelve feet, the original vein was struck and the miners loaded their first car with ore that returned \$27.58 per ton in gold.

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Cab on Roof of Rail Car Simplifies Control



Top, Rail Car with Cab on Top; Center, Looking Forward; Bottom, View of Track from Driver's Cab

there is no driving compartment at the front. The engineer's cab affords a full view of the track.

PULLEY SPEEDED UP BY MOVING MOTOR

By moving the motor base, the speed of driven machines can be increased or decreased through the automatic change in driving circumference of a new variable speed pulley. The pulley consists of two half pulleys with slotted faces permitting them to interlock and

give a drive effect to the entire pulley. Moving the base of the motor causes the half pulleys to approach each other and

increase the circumference of the entire pulley or to separate and decrease the circumference. The variation in speed results from ability of the V-belt to

drive from any diameter resulting from movement of the pulleys.

Simplified control of a new French rail car is attained by raising the engineer's cab above the level of the car roof in the center of the vehicle. From that position, the engineer operates the Diesel engine and gears, in addition to opening and closing the doors for passengers. The doors are visible to the engineer through small windows in the cab. Since the car has reversible gears, the engineer merely reverses his seat at the end of the run and starts the return trip. Passenger seats are reversible also. Exceptional visibility for passengers is one feature of the car, since

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PHOTOS ARE COPIED IN MARBLE WITH AID OF "DUAL VISION"

Making marble bas-reliefs from photographs has been made possible by a method developed by Albert H. Bumstead, of the National Geographic Society. The customary procedure is to make a wax, plaster or clay impression and then to copy on a marble slab. The new method utilizes a "dual vision" device which consists of a prism with two reflecting surfaces mounted on a steel arm clamped to the bench. The picture to be copied is held on a movable frame in front of the slab of marble. Lights mounted close by bring out the re-



Marble Sculptor Using "Dual Vision"; Inset, Finishing Bas-Relief from Photo

lief as it is cut in the marble. The sculptor marks identification points on the photograph and then, swinging the prism into position, gazes through it until he can see the image of the photograph reproduced on the marble. This usually necessitates adjustment of the picture or marble until the desired dual vision is established. The known marks on the photograph are then reproduced on the marble, being used as "base marks" of the bas-relief. After the rough outlines have been sketched on the marble, the artist completes the bas-relief from the photo.

SMALL DETECTOR FINDS GUNS HIDDEN IN CLOTHING

Weapons hidden in the clothing of visitors to some jails are detected by a small photo-cell device super-sensitive to metallic substances. Applied to visitors, the de-



Searching a Jail Visitor for Hidden Weapons by Subjecting Clothing to Detector

vice indicates the presence of weapons and prevents smuggling them to prisoners.

DUMMY SERVES AS A TARGET FOR TREASURY GUARDS

Treasury guards at Washington are being encouraged to improve their marksmanship with a large dummy of a man serving as a target. Numbers on the target enable the accurate checking of hits and the scoring of the marksmen.



Dummy Used as Target by Treasury Guards

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"On the Spot" with the



TUNE in your radio on almost any important American broadcasting station, and you may hear the actual eruption of a volcano in Hawaii, a king speaking to his subjects on the other side of the world, an announcer broadcasting from a submarine or some other event which you will read about in tomorrow's newspaper or see in this week's newsreel.

This new radio science brings you events as they happen, not in a broadcasting station but on land and sea, in the air, and beneath the surface of the ocean. During the past five years, science has harnessed the radio short waves until they have become the important vehicle which carries news and other features of interest into the studio of your favorite radio station which rebroadcasts to you. And this rebroadcasting is done so rapidly that you may hear an event as it occurs.

Previous to 1929, although there were occasional broadcasts of "on the spot" events, they were broadcast by announcers

Above, Short Wave Equipment in Stratosphere Gondola; Below, Broadcasting Ski Meet by Short Wave

whose voices traveled over telephone wires from the scene to the broadcasting station and the possibility of an eye-witness description was limited to the availability of the telephone "pipeline." Today the short waves have greatly supplanted the need for the telephone line, thus increasing the possibilities of "on the spot" broadcasting.



SHORT WAVES



Switchboard over Which Foreign Broadcast Is Relayed by Wire, Map Showing Some of Points Reached by Short Wave, Broadcasting by Short Wave and Field Station Where Broadcast Is Relayed

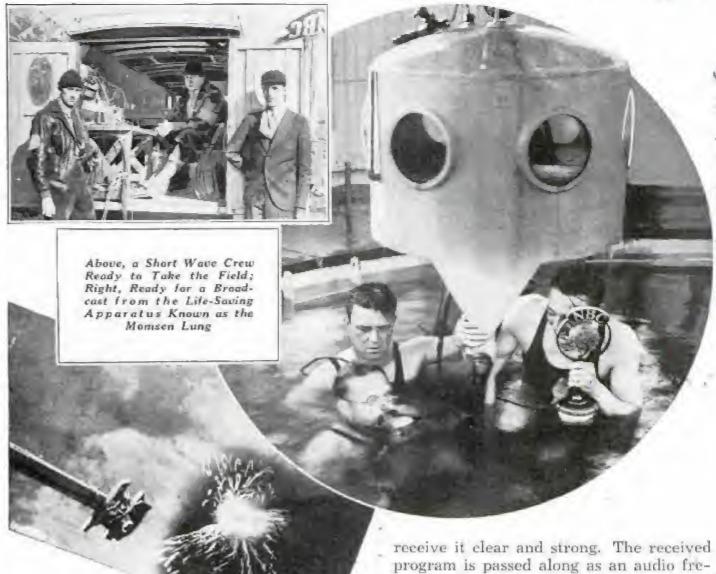
"So insistent have become the demands of radio listeners for 'on the spot' descriptions of outstanding events that during the past year we have had 322 rebroadcasts from sixty-three foreign countries and more than 225 rebroadcasts originating within the United States," states Burke Miller of the National Broadcasting company. "These rebroadcasts, constituting a veritable 'newsreel of the air,' have varied from an interview with the Russian ambassador aboard a tugboat entering New York harbor, to a running description of the presidential naval review as seen by observers at nine separate points; and from a description of the trial run of the



The broadcasting station orders its programs in advance from a radio communication company and they are "delivered" to the station just as a radiogram would be. R.C.A. Communications, Inc., with a transatlantic receiving station at Riverhead, Long Island, and transmitting station at Rocky Point, a transpacific receiving station at Point Reyes, Calif., and transmitting station at Bolinas, is the medium through which the program is received from or sent to a foreign country.

"If the National Broadcasting company

or the Columbia System wished to receive a program from England," states William A. Winterbottom of R.C.A. Communications, Inc., "the program usually is ordered days or weeks ahead for delivery to the studios. We provide a point-to-point service, just as in the transmission of com-



mercial radiograms, except that the 'addressed program' is delivered to the broadcasting company's studio from our central operating office over high quality wire circuits, and is charged for on a time basis.

"One of the most important achievements in short wave development is known as 'diversity reception,' an R.C.A. development which to a large extent overcomes the 'fading' occurring on short waves. Diversity reception equipment consists of three antennæ spaced about 1,000 feet 'apart in triangular arrangement, each connected to a separate receiver. The outputs of the three receiving sets are added together with the result that, when the program to which the receivers are tuned fades out on any one antenna-receiver combination, the other two continue to

receive it clear and strong. The received program is passed along as an audio frequency signal by special wires to the central radio operating office of R.C.A. Communications. From there it is connected through a control board to the American network to which it is addressed."

The second class of rebroadcasting, that of an announcer broadcasting in the field to his own local station or network for rebroadcast constitutes one of the most thrilling modern professions.

"Almost any broadcast has been made possible by the rebroadcasting of short waves," says Mr. Miller. "The microphone now goes to the scene of action. The world is the limit! Science has been developing practical short wave transmitting apparatus until portable sets have become so compact that they have been used to broadcast from a descending parachute."

Of the portable sets, the "transient transmitter" offers a wide range of flexible possibilities. It weighs only twenty-four pounds. The transmitter proper is con-

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BRAILLE WATCH FOR THE BLIND HAS RAISED TIME DOTS

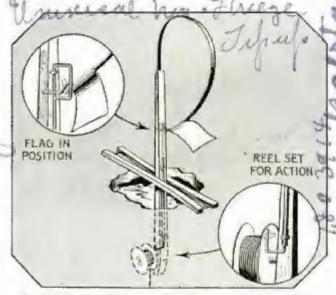


"Face" of Watch for the Blind; Raised Dots Replace Hour and Minute Hands

Raised dots replace the hands on a watch designed for the blind. The dial with the dots revolves under an opening, the top portion of which tells the hour and the bottom the minutes. The watch is fitted with a case to prevent damage to the dial.

FLAG FOR ICE FISHING TRIPPED WHEN BAIT IS SNATCHED

Lines do not become frozen or tangled in ice fishing if a tip-up, or tilt, with under-water construction is used. The reel



Tackle for Ice Fishing Which Prevents Lines from Becoming Frozen or Tangled

and line both are under water where they are unaffected by freezing temperatures. The mechanism causing the flag to spring up when there is a strike is enclosed in a brass tube permanently filled with a non-freezing lubricant. Thus, it is unnecessary to keep the water from freezing around the tip-up as with ordinary tackle. The equipment folds compactly for carrying.

POCKET MICROSCOPE LIGHTED WITH SMALL FLASHLIGHT

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Only a small flashlight of the fountainpen type is required to illuminate a portable pocket microscope, a tube projecting obliquely upward from the base acting as a socket to hold the light, the beam of which is directed into the hemispherical base. The instrument is designed for the



Light Is Furnished for This Pocket Microscope by a Fountain Pen Flashlight in Base

rapid inspection of paper, metal and other objects of flat, granular or irregular shape by mechanics, inspectors, students and engravers. Four different magnifications can be obtained. To examine an object, it is placed on a flat surface and the microscope is rested on top of it, the hollow base enclosing the small portion to be examined. The flashlight illuminates this portion, and light is intensified by the white enameled interior of the base. Focusing is done in the usual manner.

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'Flying Camera' Aimed Like a Machine Gun Caly



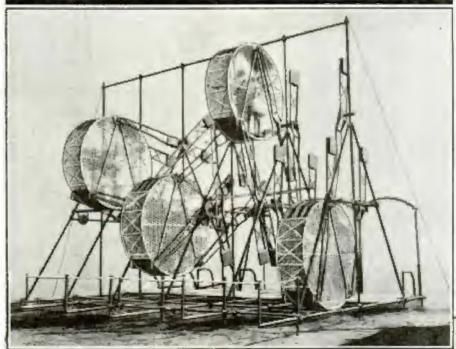


Top, Photo-Diagram of Camera Plane Showing Location of Camera in One Wing; Bottom, Installing Film Magazine in Camera Compartment Preparatory to Taking Aerial Pictures

Containing cameras that take pictures ahead, behind and straight down, a 300mile-an-hour plane recently was completed by the Lockheed Aircraft corporation, One camera, built into the leading edge of one wing, about eight feet from the cabin, is aimed by pointing the nose of the ship at the subject to be pictured. A gunsight on the pilot's windshield serves as viewfinder. Then, as the plane speeds toward the subject, the pilot presses a button on the control stick, causing the automatic camera to snap a picture every two seconds. Auxiliary cameras are located conveniently for "shooting" pictures straight down and to the rear. These also work automatically. The cameras contain the finest aerial lenses obtainable. An automatic pilot device has been installed to allow the pilot-cameraman complete freedom to take pictures. The plane is rated at 300 miles per hour at 30,000 feet and can be equipped for either land or water service. Its cabin has seats for three passengers. The "flying camera" will be used by the Detroit News.

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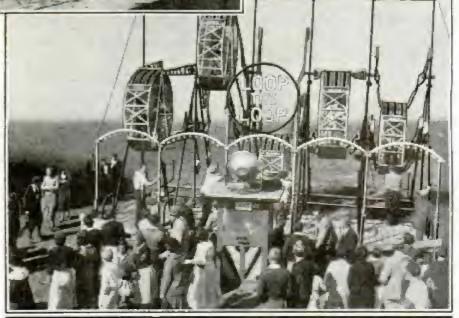
Self-Powered Loop-the-Loop Is Latest Ride



then on, the car operates like the old rope swing, the rider providing momentum by moving his body. The more he swings, the more the car moves until it finally makes a complete revolution and loops the loop. The cage always is in upright position, assuring riders of complete safety. Several cages may be set up in the same framework and operated singly or simultaneously.

Top and Right, Latest Amusement Ride; Cages Remain Upright Even While Looping-the-Loop under Mamentum Provided by Rider

Operated almost entirely by the rider, a new
loop-the-loop amusement
device has been introduced. Most of the mechanism consists of six arms
extending above circularshaped cars and equipped
with heavy counterweights. When the rider
steps into the car, an electric motor starts it. From



Electric Moth Exterminator Destroys Pests by Gassing

All forms of moth life are destroyed within twentyfour hours, it is claimed, by an electric exterminator consisting of an electrical unit with a controlled heating element and a metal con-

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tainer of liquid chemical. The heat generates a harmless and odorless gas in suffi-

cient concentration to destroy the moth eggs as well as other stages of moth life. The unit can be used in closets or small rooms. The electrical unit is plugged in and placed on a shelf, the container of fluid is placed on the electric unit and the cap removed. The exterminator then is allowed to operate for about twenty-four hours, the closet or room being sealed as tightly as possible for this period. The treatment is harmless to fabrics and when the closet is opened no offensive odor remains in the garment or the closet.

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Panoramic Pictures Help Locate Forest Fires

Next summer, whenever a lookout observer in Lassen Volcanic National Park "spots" a fire, he will report something like this:

"Hello, calling the dispatcher at Park headquarters. This is the lookout on Mt. Harkness. Got a fire for you. The reading is 276 and vertical minus nine,"

The dispatcher refers to a map, notes the location of the fire and on photographs, determines the nearest ranger or fire guard and calls him, repeating the information and within four minutes the fire fighters are on the way. The two readings contain the key to a simple system recently developed. Here is how it operates:

At the dispatcher's office and at each ranger or fire-guard station there are a map and set of photographs. The map shows each lookout point which is circled by a 360-degree protractor. The lookout spots a fire, determines the location on a finder by means of azimuth readings and phones the reading to the dispatcher who, on map protractors locates the direction of the fire from the lookout. Should two lookouts report, the

be its location.

not see the smoke. Then all that is known see. This lookout must supplement the lookout himself. reading by stating the fire is on a certain ridge or in a known canyon. This often is impossible so a new method has recently been developed.

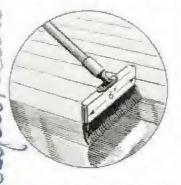
By this method, panoramic photographs are taken of the country covered by each lookout. Copies of the photographs are in each station. On each copy, a horizontalbase line is drawn, and graduations marked 🛶 on a celluloid scale give degrees above and * below this base line. A fire is located on the photograph automatically by the firefinder instrument. The number of degrees below the base line that the fire occurs is phoned to the dispatcher who relays this



Locating Forest Fire with Panoramic Photos of Region after Lookout Has Told Direction of Fire from Him

point at which the readings intersect will, information. The suppression crew take their photographs, run the scale to the Frequently, however, two lookouts can-13 azimuth reading and note the country indicated by the vertical reading. This is the is that the fire is somewhere on a line in Slocation of the fire, and the men are able a given direction from the lookout who can \(\forall \) to "see" the country almost as well as the

LONG-HANDLED PAINT BRUSH



Varnish, shellac, liquid wax or paint can be applied easily on the floor by using a brush equipped with a four-foot handle. The finish can be spread evenly and four times faster

with the six-inch brush and the long handle makes it unnecessary to stoop.

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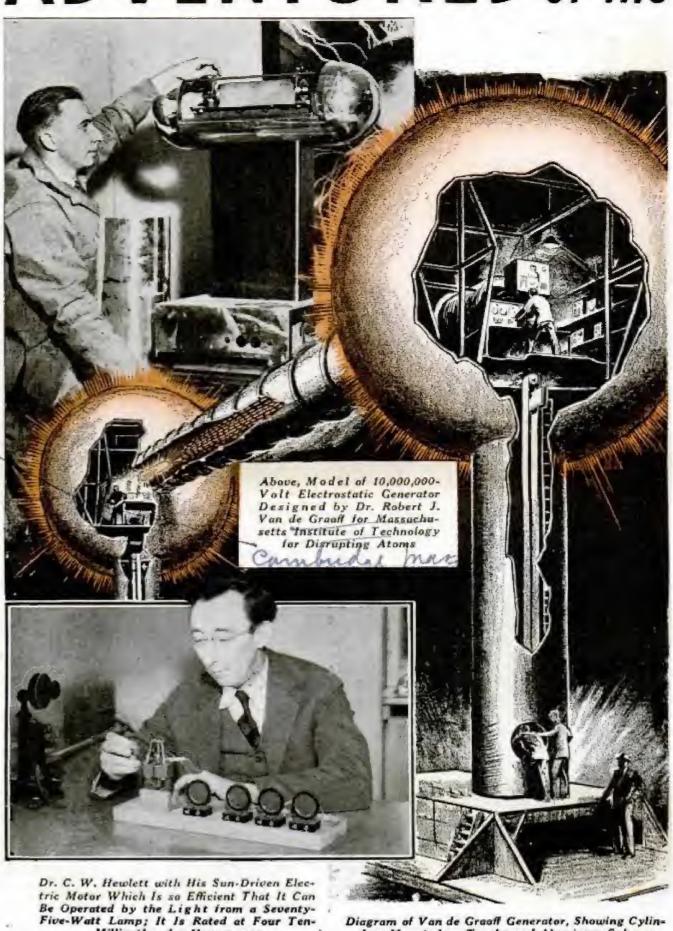


Diagram of Van de Graoff Generator, Showing Cylinders Mounted on Trucks and Aluminum Spheres

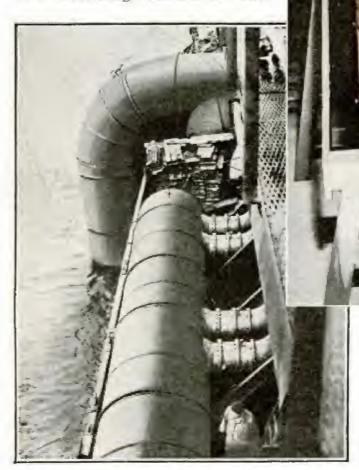
Millionths of a Horsepower

POWER EXPLORERS

WILL the Golden Age of mechanics and invention collapse for lack of power?

The power requirements of homes and industries are increasing at a rate which alarms fuel conservationists. The world consumes about 1,300,000,000 barrels of petroleum a year, while coal is being burned at the rate of about 1,500,000,000 metric tons yearly.

What will industry do when the ever-increasing demand for fuel



Above, Dr. Charles G. Abbot's Solar Cooker Which Concentrates the Sun's Rays to Develop a Temperature of 400 Degrees Fahrenheit in Twenty Minutes; Left, Ship Factory with Which Prof. Claude Expects to Produce fee from Trapped Waters

sends prices skyrocketing and makes uneconomical the operation of furnaces and engines which now do the hard work of mankind?

To answer this question some renowned men have turned their energies to power exploring. Dr. Charles G. Abbot, of the Smithsonian Institution, recently displayed a sun-cooker which puts to shame many fuel-burning devices. Within twenty minutes, Dr. Abbot's "solar heat collector," can reach 400 degrees Fahrenheit and more. He can either generate steam or supply heat to a cook stove that is odorless, clean, and economical in the extreme.

Dr. Abbot's sun engine is not, of course, intended for a region where the sun has a habit of hiding behind the clouds, but in southern countries, where the sun shines steadily, it can be used to good advantage.

As far north as Idaho, on a midsummer day, the sun rains 33,000,000 horsepower

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hours of energy on each square mile. And 1,800 times more horsepower falls on the Sahara desert in one year than is contained in all the coal mines on earth. If the earth were embalmed in a layer of ice 424 feet thick, the sun would melt it within one year.

Another power explorer, C. W. Hewlett, of the General Electric company, has developed an electric motor, rated at four ten-millionths of a horsepower, which takes its energy directly from the sun. The device which makes the sun power

available to the motor is a super-sensitive photo-electric cell which converts ordinary sunlight into electricity. Even the light from a seventy-five-watt lamp is sufficient to run the motor. The efficiency of Hewlett's new generator photo cells is such that one watt of power can be obtained from about twenty square feet of cell area in direct sunlight.

That veteran power explorer, Georges

Claude, after proving the principle of a thermal ocean power plant, has embarked on a second power-exploring expedition, which takes him to the tropical waters off South America. This time he is attempting to utilize the sun's energy to convert water into ice at a very low cost. The freighter "Tunisie" has been converted into a floating fac-

tory, which will pump cold water from the ocean bottom through a tube 2,100 feet long. This cold water will be used to make the warm surface water boil, producing low-temperature steam. The steam will drive turbines, and the turbines will drive ice-making machinery.

At Burlington, N. J., another power explorer, Julius D. Madaras, is building a \$2,000,000 rotor power plant to make use of ROPHLAR, MECHANICS

any breeze better than six miles an hour. This, too, is an attempt to harness the sun directly, for the sun generates "tides" of air.

Fifty heavy railway carriages, each carrying a rotor, will travel around a circular track and grind out the current simultaneously. Once started by power from the outside, the rotors are to be kept spinning by connection with the wheels.

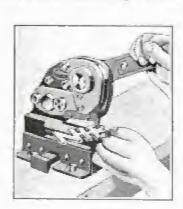
The sun bows respectfully to the moon in another power-development scheme, sponsored by a prominent power explorer, Dexter P. Cooper. He plans to harness the roaring fifty-foot tide at the Bay of Fundy, off the coast of Maine. The possibility of developing large quantities of power on this site has been studied for years by Cooper and his staff, who have made plans which are approved by the war department's engineers.

Half a million dollars have already been spent on the preliminary surveys, and no doubt remains that a tidal power station is entirely practical. The Bay of Fundy tide will generate 200,000 horsepower if the power project is confined to the American side. If the project takes in the Canadian side, it will generate 600,000 horsepower.

Those are some of the solutions which inventors and engineers are presenting in an attempt to maintain the progress of industry even in the face of a diminishing fuel supply.

HANDY METAL NIBBLING TOOL FOR HOME WORKSHOP

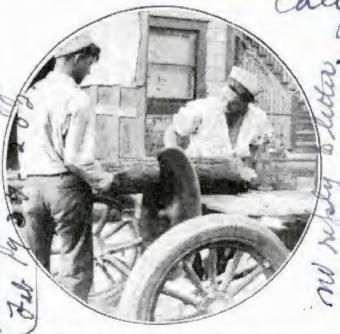
Handy for garage or the home workshop, a small hand-operated tool is available for



shearing and nibbling sheet metal and for cutting rod stock without sawing. Held in a machine vise, it will cut templates, designs and letters in any shape desired in one-tenth the time required for such work with

ordinary methods. Two special blades are supplied for nibbling, one for inside and one for outside. The capacity of the rod cutter is five-sixteenths of one inch.

CIRCULAR SAW IS ATTACHED TO TRUCK DIFFERENTIAL

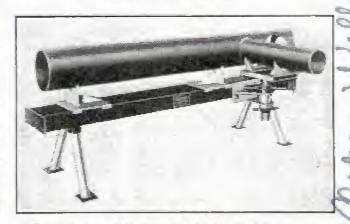


Circular Saw Being Operated from Truck Differential

Power to operate a circular saw is supplied by the car which hauls it by attaching the tool directly to the differential of the machine. By means of a clutch, the saw can be thrown out of gear, allowing the vehicle to use the engine for motive power.

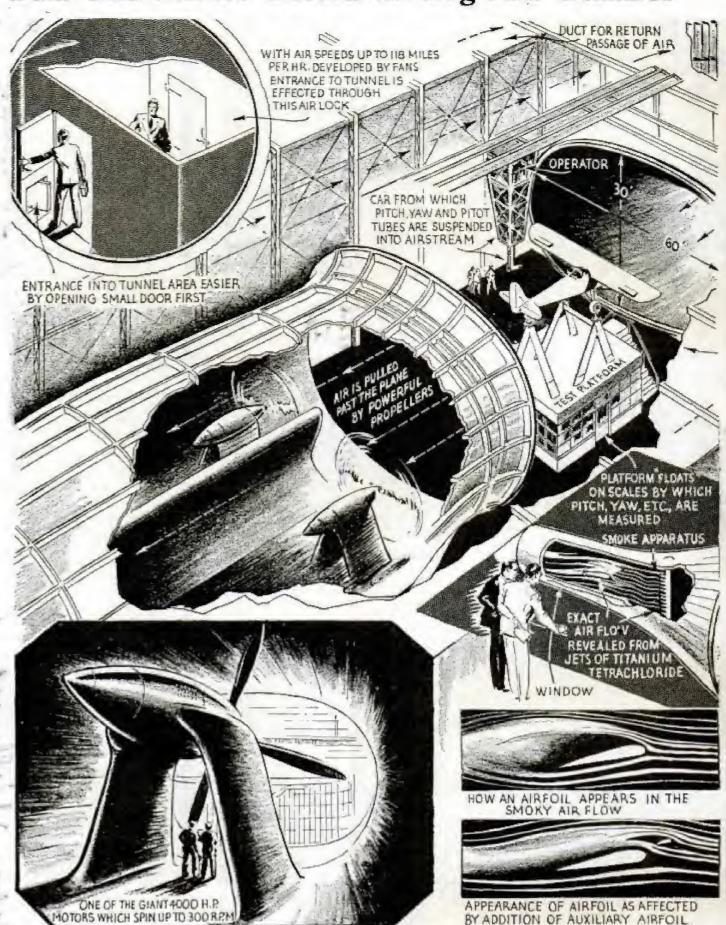
METAL BENCH LINES UP PIPE AND FITTING FOR WELDING

Pipe, fittings and flanges can be lined up for welding by using a new metal bench. Four legs support a main bed consisting of two metal beams. An end plate to support the pipe is located at each end. The fitting to be attached to the main section of pipe is supported on a swivel table supported on a cross piece, the table being raised or lowered as desired.



Pipe and Fitting Ready for Welding

Full-Size Planes Tested in Big Air Tunnel



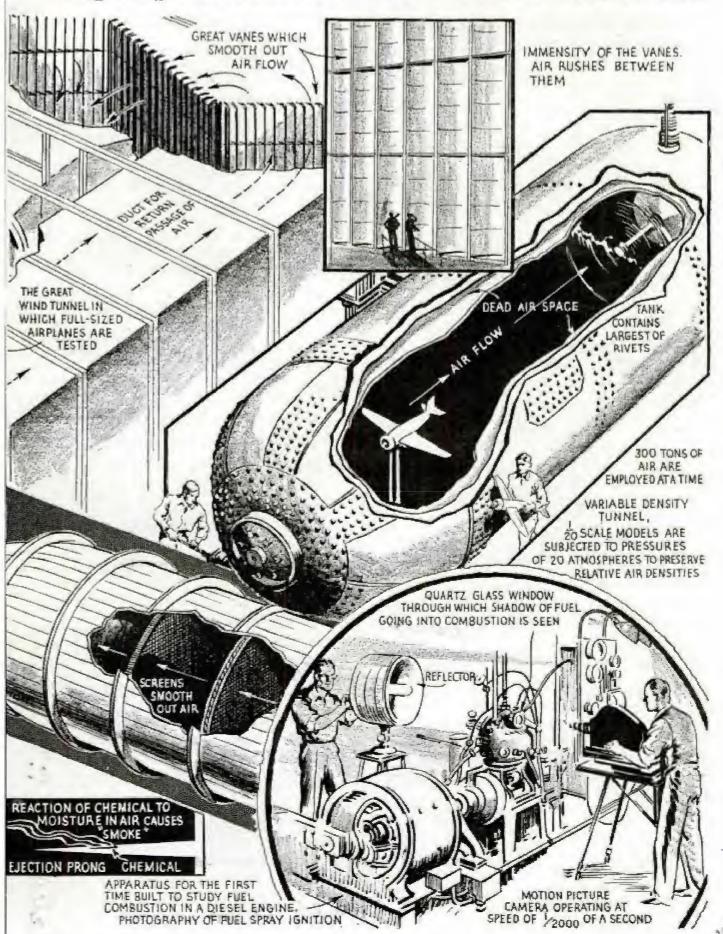
Drawings Courtesy National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics

Airplanes with a Wing Spread Up to Fifty Feet Can Be Tested in This Giant Wind Tunnel of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratories; Note Vanes Which Smooth Out Air Flow

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High-Speed Camera "Sees" Fuel Combustion



Variable Density Tunnel Where Models Are Tested at Pressures of 300 Pounds to the Square Inch and Drawing Showing How High-Speed Cameras Are Employed to Study Fuel Combustion

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Trucks Bear 'Ears' and 'Eyes' to Spot Planes





Anti-Aircraft Equipment Used in China Includes These Great Searchlights and the Electric Sound Detectors and Direction Indicators to Locate Enemy Planes

China is prepared to combat an air attack with the most modern anti-aircraft equipment, including a fleet of American trucks carrying powerful searchlights and generators to supply power to the lights and to their motor-driven elevating and transversing mechanisms. With each searchlight truck goes a trailer bearing an elaborate system of electric sound detectors and direction indicators, by means of which listeners learn of the approach of an airplane long before it comes within range of the lights or the anti-aircraft artillery.

(Germany is experimenting with a type of Diesel engine which burns oil produced 🕪 from bard-coal tar.

"FIREMAN" FOR COAL FURNACE

Cheaper fuel can be burned in the coal furnage by using an inexpensive firing unit



that comes complete with room thermostat and automatic switch for controlling boiler pressure of hot water. It is operated by a sixtycycle, alternatingcurrent motor that

Buckwheat coal, is entirely inclosed. smaller and cheaper than that used ording narily can be burned by the "fireman."

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"BIG BERTHA" MADE FROM LOGS LOOKS LIKE REAL CANNON

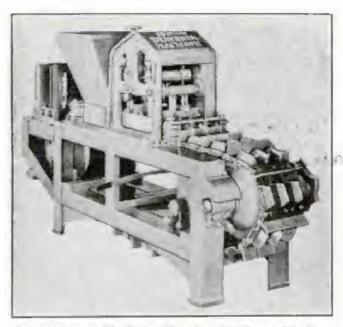
All the menacing appearance of a wartime "Big Bertha" is incorporated in a cannon made of giant Ponderosa pine logs which stands in the Chelan national forest in the state of Washington. The wood cannon, mounted on a dummy tractor also made of logs, is the work of some ingenious members of the civilian conservation corps who fashioned the big gun in their spare time.



This Is a Wooden Gun, But It Is Too Large to Be Called a Toy; the "Big" | Bertha" Is Made of Logs and Is Mounted on a Log Tractor

BRICKS MADE AUTOMATICALLY BY ONE-MAN MACHINE

Fifteen hundred bricks per hour can be manufactured by an automatic machine



Brick-Making Machine, Showing Molds on "Endless Chain"; One Man Can Operate It

that requires the services of only one man to remove the bricks as they are delivered at the end of the machine. The brick is semi-hollow and has a water-repelling surface. By removing two dividing plates, double and triple brick can be produced as easily as standard single brick. The material is fed from a hopper into all-steel mold boxes in the form of a continuous chain. This chain passes under a packer

that compresses the material to the hardness desired. A two-horsepower motor drives the machine.

MUDGUARDS ON PLANE WHEELS PROTECT LANDING GEAR

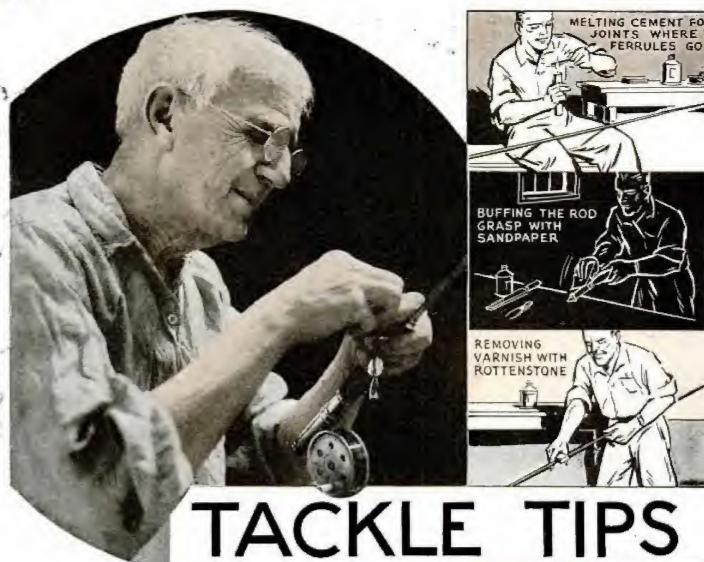
Mud and gravel tossed up by a plane's landing wheels often jam the retractable landing gear, making it impossible to lower or raise the wheels. To overcome this hazard, Lockheed Electra airliners now are equipped with bicycle type mudguards which are placed over the wheels. The guards keep mud from flying into the landing gear and when the wheels are retracted, they fold back out of the air stream with the rest of the gear assembly.



These Mudguards Protect Plane's Retractable Landing Gear from Flying Mud and Gravel

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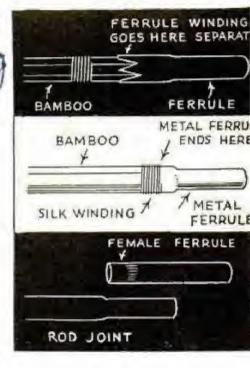
WHEN spring approaches, the average fisherman has several hours of "home work" in order to put his outfit in top condition for the coming season. To the real angler, these chores are more pleasure than work.

Invariably, a bamboo bait-casting, or fly-casting rod will show the need of work on wrappings, guides, ferrules and varnish.

First, take off the guides. An old razor blade is handy for cutting the windings. If the ferrules are loose, remove them for cementing. If one sticks, heat will loosen it.

Casting and fly-casting rods are apt to be badly nicked and the windings worn through. So remove both the varnish and the windings from the entire rod and start fresh from the bamboo. This is the only way to get a goodlooking job and it gives you a chance to change the colors of the silk.

To remove the old varnish it is necessary to scrape the rod. A large, rather heavy blade is better than something smaller. Scrape with long strokes, up and down the rod. But if you bear down too hard you will dig into the thin protecting coating on the bamboo strips. Then use a fine



Spring Overhauling for Your Rod May Require Rewinding, Revarnishing and New Cement at the Joints Where the Ferrules Go



for the FISHERMAN



You Can't Land the Big Ones if Your Equipment Is in Poor Condition for the Contest of Strength

grade of sandpaper for rubbing down the whole rod. Next, clean the parts to which the ferrules are glued. Be sure and get all the old cement off.

Now we have "Old Faithful" slick and clean for the next step. To keep dampness out of the wood at the extreme joint ends—those that receive the female ferrules—apply varnish to the ends. Just a light coat will do. Failure to waterproof wood at the ferrules has much to do with breaks at these points.

A standard brand of ferrule cement comes in stick form and to use it you need a candle, or gas flame. Hold the stick in the flame until it softens and then dab a little on the wood. Then heat the cement and the joint carefully. Keep turning it around and when the cement flows, direct it evenly over the sur-



the invisible knot isn't a knot at all. It is a trick of burying the end of the silk under the final turns in order to keep it out of the way, and to keep the silk from unwinding.

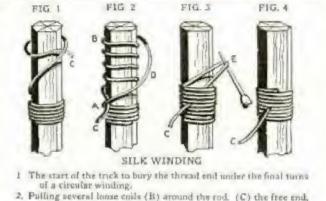
As you start to whip the guide, or any part of the rod, turn in one end of the silk so three or four turns are over it. As you wind, keep pressing the silk tightly into place. At the finish you are ready for the invisible knot stunt. Here is how it is done:

When near the end of your winding, press your thumb on the last tight coil of silk. Cut the silk so you have several inches left. With this end, take

face with a match. Quickly slip the ferrule over the wood, press it down tightly and again heat the ferrule over the flame for just a second or two. Excess cement oozing out can be wiped off while still warm.

Next we are ready to beautify the bamboo rod. Put a light coat of thin shellac on the wood. Brush it out well and you are ready for the winding of the rod, fitting the guides, and the final task of varnishing. There are endless color variations for winding that can be worked out. As to quality, I select a Grade A silk, which can be found almost anywhere. It is an unwaxed silk, and not the finest grade used in windings but Grade A is serviceable and not too heavy for most of us.

To wind the rod, use silk thread and wind evenly toward the center of each guide. Every fisherman must learn the way to start winding, and the secret of invisible knotting, or whip finish. Actually



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- After loose coals are laid up tightly against the winding the loop (E) as held tight.
- The loave end (C) is pulled through and support off.

Schedule to Location of Guides on Short Bait-Casting Rod, and Steps in Rewinding a Rod

several turns in the same direction you did before. These coils will be loose but winding back toward that last tight whip around the rod. Slip the end of the thread under that last tight coil and transfer the final loose coils into tight ones and have them laid up against the completed section of the winding. Stick a small instrument, 8-22

such as a large pin, through the loop of the thread and pull it through the windings. The final flip is done by withdrawing the pin from the loop, and pulling the thread sharply. You are pulling the thread that comes out of the tight windings right underneath and out of sight. When that is completed, cut off next to the windings.

This method may be used for every solid winding. When the windings are in place, apply the final varnish. See that the ends are all snipped clean, then apply one or two coats of shellac to them. I use ordinary white shellac thinned slightly with alcohol. This is a regular rod varnish obtained from any sporting goods store.

To insure an even flow, warm the varnish in a pan of hot water. Brush it on smoothly, and after each coat—you will want to apply four or five—look out for dust. While the varnish is drying, hang the rod in a place free from dust.

Use rottenstone to rub down each coat of varnish. Do this lightly after the first coat so as not to injure the wrappings. After the third coat, you can apply more pressure and build up a glossy finish.

You now have a bamboo rod with firm, well-cemented ferrules, beautiful colored windings, and completely waterproofed and strengthened.

Now take out your reels. As you take a reel apart examine each part. There is nothing but sand and carelessness to worry about. Wash the parts in gasoline, rinse and put a tiny dab of grease on the moving parts. This grease comes in tiny capsules. Be sure the sand is out before you re-assemble the reel. Oil each part carefully as you put it together with a regular reel oil. Now adjust the reel and whirl it to be sure it is running freely.

Now is a good time to test the old line. Every fisherman knows about the amount of pull his favorite line will stand. Wrap it around your hands and pull. Perhaps it is stout enough, but usually it is an excellent precaution to put a new line on the spool.

Open the tackle box and empty everything out. Most of us find a little brown rust creeping around the edges. Wash it thoroughly with soap and water, then sandpaper off the rust spots. Take an oily cloth and go over the trays lightly, leav-

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Wooden Tumbler Lock with Key of Forged Iron Which Was in Use 2,000 Years Ago

LOCK TWENTY CENTURIES OLD STILL IN WORKING ORDER

One of the prized possessions of Charles Courtney, New York locksmith, is an ancient lock in use some 2,000 years ago on the entrance to a public bath in Jerusalem. It is still in working condition today. It is a wooden tumbler lock and the key is of forged iron.

"MAGNETIC MOP" RETRIEVES STEEL BALL BEARINGS



Steel ball bearings and shot are retrieved in the General Electric research laboratories with the aid of a magnetic mop. Large quantities of the bearings are used and often spill on the floor.

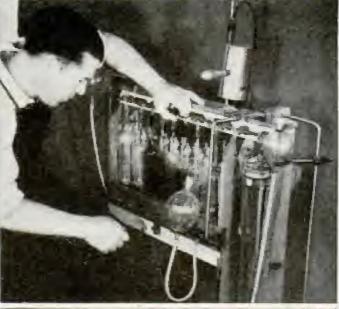
So an ordinary mopstick was equipped with a brass hopper, soft iron pole pieces and a sliding magnet controlled by a wire on the handle. When the magnet is down the pole pieces pick up the shot and when it is lifted the shot drop off the hopper into a receptacle.

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Smoke "Fingerprints" Used to Trap Fire Bugs





Fireman Obtaining a Sample of Smoke and Chemist Analyzing Sample in Suspected Arson Case

Smoke from a burning building is being used by the arson squad of the Los Angeles fire department to determine whether the blaze was of incendiary origin. A sample of smoke is trapped by a fireman in a vacuum bottle and submitted for chemical analysis. A gas analyzing apparatus "fingerprints" the smoke, indicating what materials were burned to produce it. The presence of petroleum oils, alcohol, or other inflammables can thus be detected. If such a substance is not normally stored in the building, an investigation is started. The fire detectives also are investigating the fluorescing characteristics of the burned residues of inflammable oils under an ultra-violet light. By exposing a sample of the charred timbers where a fire started to the ultra-violet rays, they try to determine if any chemical was used.

COIN-IN-SLOT SCALE REVEALS HEART BEATS WITH WEIGHT

Heart beats, height and weight all are recorded by a coin-in-the-slot scale now available. The instrument is so sensitive that it not only indicates the rate of the heart beats but the intensity as well. This is accomplished by an oscillograph in the form of a notched wheel above the delicate weighing spring. By synchronizing the action of this wheel on a lighted indicator, the person being weighed can watch his own heart beats. A measuring rod enables the patron to obtain his height.



Scale Which Indicates Rate and Intensity of Heart Beats at Same Time It Registers Weight

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Blackbeard's Pirate Castle Is Now a Hotel

Famous as the place where lived one of the most notorious pirates of the old Spanish Main, Blackbeard's Castle at St. Thomas, Virgin islands, has been turned into a tourist hotel by the United States government, The Two Views of Pirate's Castle in Virgin Islands; Photo at Left Shows Tower After Restoration as Inn for Tourists; on Excellent View of

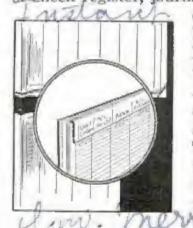
pirate was Edward Teach, popularly known as "Blackbeard," but who called himself "Captain James Thatch." Teach is said to have engaged in privateering during the war of the Spanish succession. In 1717, he captured a large French merchantman and converted it into a warship of forty guns. From that time, he committed piratical outrages in the Spanish main, the West Indies and on the Carolina coast. His winter quarters were in an inlet of North Carolina. In November, 1718, Blackbeard was killed in a fight with two sloops sent by the governor of Virginia to rid the seas of the pirate craft. The tower in which Teach lived on St. Thomas held a commanding position over the sea. It originally was a Danish watch tower. A narrow room running the full length of the castle quarters above the first floor once was the dungeon in which were kept the negroes seized on slave-trading ships and later sold by Teach. In preserving the pirate castle, the government has retained all its pic-

Incoming Ships Is Afforded by the Tower

turesqueness and charm. Five wings added to accommodate tourists were planned carefully to harmonize with the tower and tropical scenery. A dining terrace overlooks the harbor.

HEADING TAB FOR RECORD BOOK

Easily attachable to fly-leaf or backing of_check register, journal or other type of



columnar record book, an instant heading tab saves time on entries. After attachment, all pages are constantly headed. The tab also serves the purpose of an instant findex and finder.

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insects or plant diseases can generally be traced to some one willing to. sell his plants regardless. of the peril to the nation's food supply. Ignorant and , innocent introductions by tourists and ships' companies on steamships and aircraft are to some extent condoned, though carefully guarded against, as are introductions on the gear of trains and automobiles and even on. shoes and clothing. But the clever hiding of infected plant material with which border and seaport inspectors have had to contend has forced them to theorize that forces not so innocent are also at

C. E. Bellis, chief inspector at Nogales, Ariz., hints at a typical danger,

DR. HAROLD COMPERE, of the California University college of agriculture, expert on insect parasites, asserts flatly that "almost all of the serious depredators in the United States have been introduced from foreign lands."

"Insistent craftiness," are the words used by department of agriculture officials in a recent report on the amazing scope of their work against the smugglers, to describe a type of smuggler the inspectors have to outwit—and they are not at all certain, with their limited forces, that they are always successful.

The mildest thing quarantine inspectors say about deliberate insect and plant disease introduction, is that it is attempted and often accomplished by "cranks," of the same type often accused of incendiarism in the oil fields and our national forests.

Attempted commercial introduction of



Above, Inspecting Airplane Baggage for Forbidden Fruit; Below, Imported Toy with Holes Indicating It Was Victim of Wood Borer

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in a report to the department of agriculture. He says:

"On inspection of the Pullmans which crossed from Mexico on January 30, restricted plants were found concealed in the Mexico City-Los Angeles car. Twenty-one specimens were found in five packages, concealed in the following manner: two in a dark recess above the switchboard compartment in the vestibule which necessitated standing on the doorknob and using a flashlight; two on a high ledge in the ladies' dressing room; and another behind the ceiling ventilator in the toilet.

All but four passengers had detrained on the Mexican side of the line. These re-



Top, Examining Shipment of Roots from Abroad; Above, Imported Doughnuts and Pretzels Containing Infested Rice Straw and Cotton; Left, Borer Found on Imported Date Palm Plant

maining four all denied ownership of the material,"

A, C. Fleury, chief quarantine officer of California, reports an incident that probably was an innocent one, but which reveals a threat nevertheless to the California and Louisiana rice-growing industries.



Insect Death Chamber; They Are Immersed in Hot Water

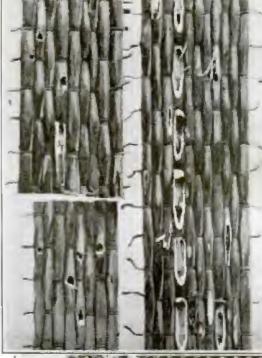
He says: "Four interceptions of the rice borer in rice straw packing around earthenware carried as cargo on Japanese freighters have been made in the past few weeks."

Since there are few foreign nations, except those contiguous to us, which care much whether the agriculture of the United States flourishes or not, we have to depend on our own inspection efficiency.

Of the apparently criminal type of smuggler, here is an instance. The S. S. "Columbia" arrived at New York with passengers from Caribbean ports. Inspector C. G. Latham, who was assigned to the vessel, was summoned to inspect some sour limes and avocados found in the baggage of one of the passengers, and during the examination he saw a shiny individual soap container accidentally come open. The soap was carefully wrapped in newspaper and was of such a peculiar shape that a closer examination was made. The "soap" proved to be a mango, and rigid examination of the baggage revealed two more specimens of the same fruit. They were infested with fruit fly larvæ.

Federal and state inspectors do not hope to keep out noxious insects and plant diseases forever. They do hope to

delay the entry and to create a condition that will restrict that entry to as few points as possible, so that, immediately the new insect is discovered operating on our food supply, we can get it in check and delay its progress as long as possible. Once in, it is fought all along the line. However, before it gets in, entomologists go where it is known to exist and study methods for combating it with poison and insect parasites.





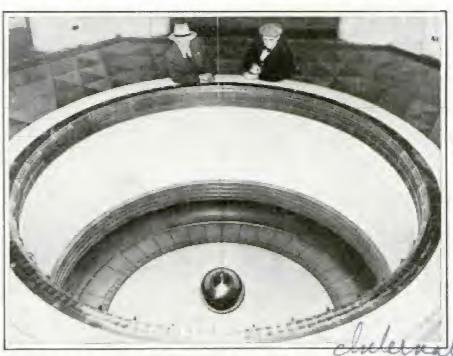
Center, Part of Imported Basket Infested with Boring Beetle; Bottom, Beads Made of Seeds Which Contained Dangerous Insects; the Vigilance of an Inspector Detected the Pests

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Swinging Pendulum Shows Rotation of Earth

One of the pieces of apparatus in the Griffith observatory in California is a Foucault pendulum, the swinging of which demonstrates the rotation of the earth. This big pendulum actually was evolved from experiments originally conducted by Galileo. A verger in the cathedral at Pisa filled a lamp and left it swinging from the roof. Galileo, then eighteen, saw the lamp swaying back and forth as did hundreds of others. But Galileo got from the swinging lamp the idea of applying the swinging movement to

measurements of time and devoted fifty years to completing his pendulum theory which has been of inestimable value in



Large Pendulum in Griffith Observatory, the Swinging of Which Is Used to Demonstrate the Rotation of the Earth

measuring time and in astronomical calculations through the years since he announced the result of his experiments.

Ambulance Boat Like a Plane Is Fast and Non-Sinkable

Said to be non-sinkable, a new ambulance boat has been constructed for the Portland, Ore., police patrolling the harbor. Embracing principles of the airplane, the craft's cruising speed is rated at forty miles per hour and its top speed above fifty-five. The boat is designed to skim the water at full speed. When motionless, its draft is less than twelve inches. A syphon system that is effective when the boat

V-8 motor provides the power through an intermediate and high-gear transmission, one of the first installations of an intermediate gear in boats. This gear, in addition to providing quick acceleration, is for use at slower speed to facilitate maneuvering. High gear is for use only at higher speeds. The hull consists of a series of airfoil sections or "wing-stub ends," so designed as to afford the greatest amount of

lift above and below the sections, an arrangement by which the craft is partially supported in air while traveling at top speed. The boat is twenty-four feet long and six feet in height with a beam of eight feet. It has accommodations for driver, doctor and two persons on stretchers. A special rack holds the stretchers when not in use. Respi-

ratory and first-aid equipment and oxygen tanks are carried for emergency work.

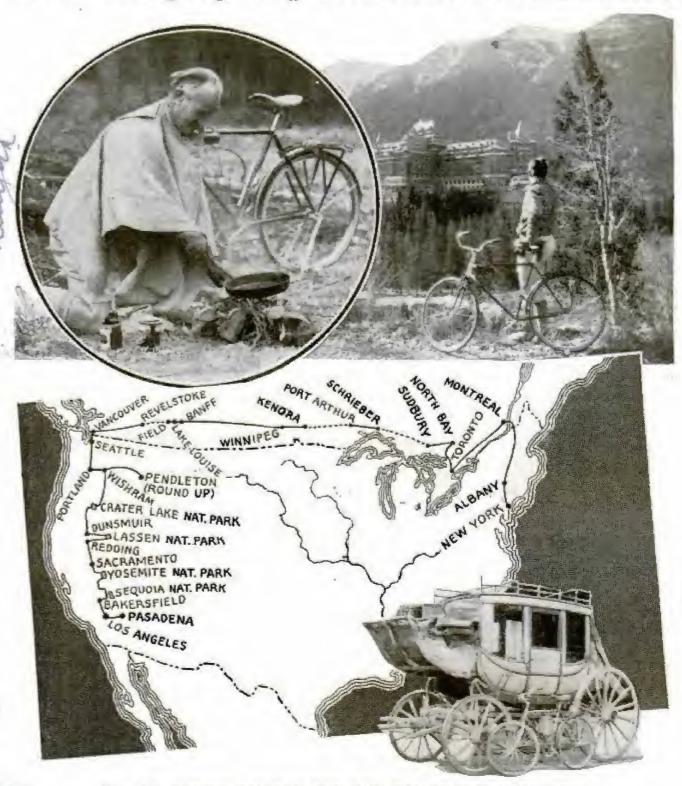


Note Air-Foil Sections of Hull

is in operation keeps the craft dry in any weather. A maring adaptation of the Ford

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Bike Camping Trip from Pacific to Atlantic



Top, Left, Preparing Meal in the Rain; Right, Along the Road; Bottom, Route of the Journey; Right, the Bike Beside Old Stage Coach

Touring America on a bicycle has been accomplished recently by Lewis R. Free- Crater Lake and Rainier National parks, man, author and explorer. He assembled. a camping outfit, including cooking uten foot of the Canadian Rockies, hard gravel sils, tent, blankets, camera, binoculars and typewriter, lashed it on his bicycle and started north from Los Angeles. Right to Vancouver he pedaled, with side rides to

Sequoia, General Grant, Yosemite, Lassen, and the Pendleton round-up. From the road was used to Revelstoke, where a train was taken to cross a range. Riding was continuous from Field to Banff, Calgary, and across to Winnipeg. The train

was taken across the Lake-of-the-Woods wilderness beyond Kenora, but from Fort William there was pavement nearly to Nipigon. The train was used from Schrieber to Sudbury, but from there an excellent road carried him to Toronto, and finally over pavement to Peterboro, Montreal, and down along Champlain and the Hudson to New York. The distance was more than 3,500 miles. One of the best day's rides was 120 miles. The highest altitude reached was 8,500 feet on Mt. Lassen highway loop. The bicycle was a stock model weighing thirty-five pounds. The rider weighed 235 pounds and the luggage fifty pounds. Not one cent was expended for repairs. For bedding, Freeman carried a light blanket and a waterproof poncho. A balloon fabric slicker doubled as bedspread and shield against wind and rain when in the saddle. Complete changes of clothing were carried. For riding, an ankle-high pair of moccasins were used, with a light pair of white buckskins which were used as a "spare."

AS THE TIDES CHANGE



Apparatus Which Records the Tilt of the Earth with Each Change of the Tides

Tilt of the earth with each high tide is measured by a seismograph at Harvard university. The instrument records the tilt twice every twenty-four hours and keeps a photographic record. This record is preserved on a drum equipped with photographic paper and filed for future reference to aid in research work.

SIX-OUNCE PUPPY GETS DINNER FROM MEDICINE DROPPER



Six-Ounce Boston Bull Puppy Resting in Cup us It Gets Its Dinner from Medicine Dropper

Just large enough to stretch its neck over the rim of a teacup, a Boston bull puppy owned by a California man has taken its dinner since birth from a medicine dropper. The puppy, tipping the scales at six ounces when a month old, was the smallest of six normal brothers and sisters. Hand feeding saved its life.

"DRY ICE" INSIDE GOLF BALL CAUSES EXPANSION

Longer and more accurate shots are claimed for a golf ball containing a core of Dry Ice such as is used to preserve ice

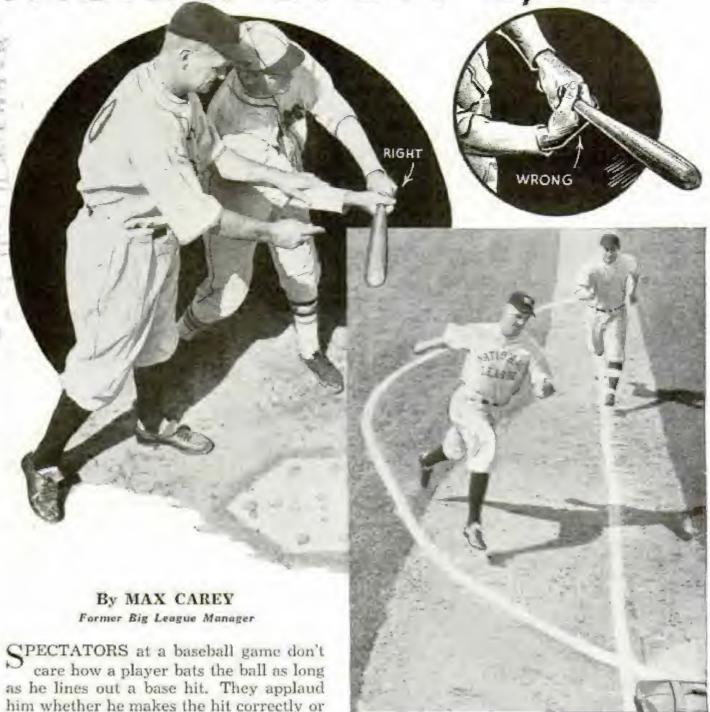
cream. The Dry
Ice center is obtained by dropping a pellet of the
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tough hard rubber cover is applied. The Dry Ice attempts to return to gaseous form and expands, thus "pumping up" the center. This uniform expansion increases the tension of the winding and tends to produce better centering, it is claimed.

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Right and Wrong Way to Hold Bat and Run Bases; Man at Left 1's Running Correctly

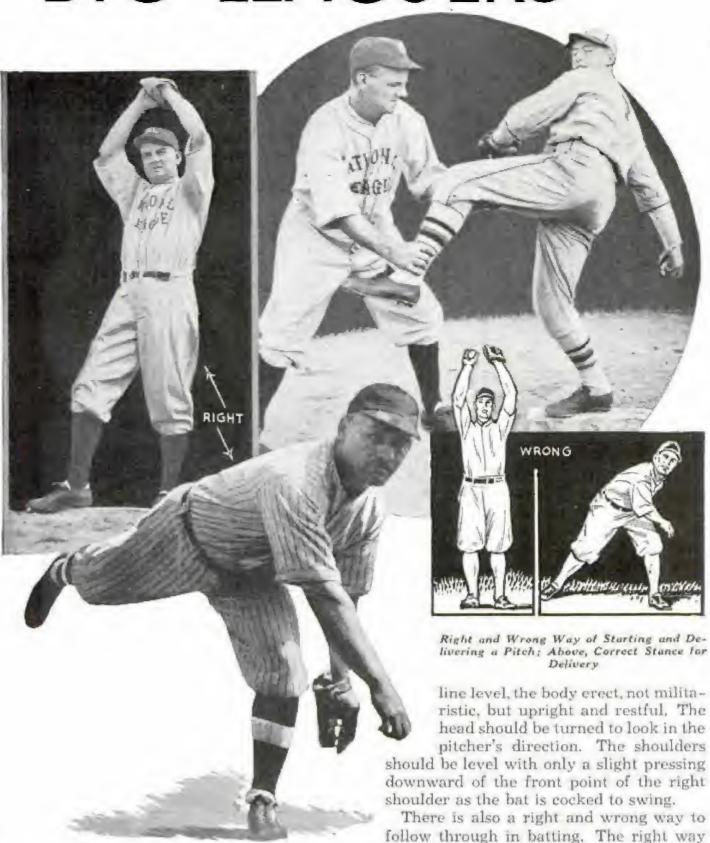
But unfortunately games cannot be won consistently unless the plays are faultless. And the plays cannot be faultless unless each is performed by the application of certain methods. There are a few exceptions, of course, among the "natural" mighty men of baseball who have their peculiarities, but for the average person there are definite rules to be followed.

Consider for instance, the correct hand grasp on the bat. The upper hand, or power hand, is placed on the handle of the bat and rests in the groove formed by the thumb and forefinger. The handle rests across the middle of the palm so the power of the swing will find the forearm and wrist straight. This puts the maximum weight of the body into the swing. The result of a direct hit will be a line drive.

A correct stance at the plate requires

incorrectly.

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that the batter be entirely at ease and relaxed. The feet must be squarely on the ground to insure balance. The side of the body should be toward the pitcher, the belt

bat meets the ball. The muscles are re-

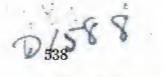
is to step into the ball and swing the bat

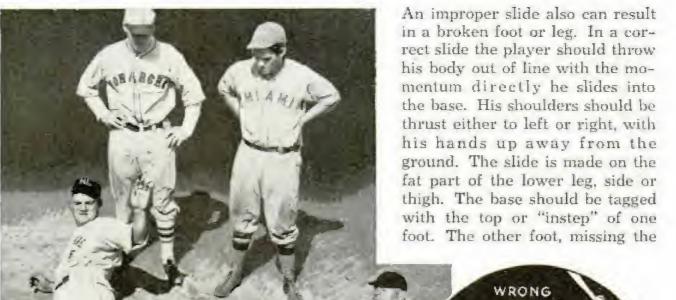
with a snap which resembles the cracking

of a whip. Pivot the weight of the body

from the rear leg to the front leg as the

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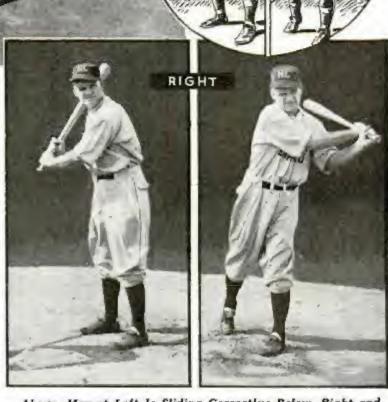


laxed during this pivoting but they contract the moment of impact. The power behind the swing allows the bat to follow through naturally. The incorrect method involves a faulty step with the weight remaining on the rear leg. Here is loss of power. The bat swings up causing fly balls. There is lack of coordination and smooth swinging. This type of batter is an easy prey for pitchers.

The man who knows base running circles first base and advances toward second by swerving out. This brings him on the straightest and shortest distance between the bases and he gains additional speed in rounding first. When a player runs on a straight

line into first base and then attempts to round first for second base, his momentum pulls him away from the shortest distance between first and second. He must almost stop at first to continue to second.

An improper slide often times costs a team the victory when the game is close.



Above, Man at Left Is Sliding Correctly; Below, Right and Wrong Way to Stand at Plate and Follow Through

base, should be slid on its side. The spikes should never be toward the base as they are apt to catch the base and turn or break the ankle and the slider should never dive straight into the base.

A pitcher should maintain a balance of (Continued to page 131A) POPULAR MECHANICS Market 1539

Model of Bonneville Dam Aids Study of River



Three Views of Experiments Conducted with Large Model of Bonneville Dam and River; the Model Enables Engineers to Study River Currents That Probably Will Be Created by Construction; Daily Measurements Are Made in Testing the Model under All Conditions

Probably the largest and most complete model of a river section ever constructed is being studied by engineers working out plans for the huge Bonneville dam on the Columbia river. The model is 325 feet long, representing a five-mile stretch of the river and showing every rock, ledge, islet and major obstruction. Daily readings and measurements of the midget river are made with two objectives. First is the removal of obstructions in the river bed, which will result in reducing unnecessary back-water effect and still produce the same water levels at the dam. Second, the engineers are seeking data that will help in constructing the cofferdams in the main channel. For this work, a thorough knowledge of the river currents is necessary. Another model shows three bays of the eighteen to be built in the spillway of the dam. Water for the tests is taken from the Willamette river and pumped into a res-

ervoir above the models. The work is under direction of the United States Engineers' office, with Col. T. M. Robins, division engineer, Maj. C. F. Williams, district engineer and C. I. Grimms, chief civilian engineer of the Bonneville project.

AUTOMATIC WINDOW CATCH LOCKS AT ANY HEIGHT

Equipped with a rubber tip that prevents slipping, an automatic catch holds a



window at any height. Thus, the window may be locked up or down permitting air to enter but keeping out marauders. The device also prevents rattling

of wildows under

Latest STUNTS of the



MODERN magicians perform tricks on the movie screen for your entertainment that match the most fantastic myths. Before your eyes an actor changes to a stone statue while another dissolves into the air. Absurd impossibilities occur as a matter of course and on the screen, seeing is no longer believing.

Rival trick men and photographers are still puzzling over how John P. Fulton and Frank Williams screened the "Invisible Man," a story in which a young chemist discovers a drug that makes him completely invisible. On the screen the man's head actually disappears as he removes the bandages in which he wrapped himself. His clothes appear to move around the room entirely unsupported. A hat placed on his head seems to hang in the air. When he removes his clothes and dashes from the house, his flight can be traced only by the footprints that appear in the snow.

The way in which an actor was given substance and invisibility at the same time was accomplished by using new film emulsions sensitive only to certain colors. First the actor, in front of a pale blue background, with his head and hands covered with blue masks of the same shade, was

Below, Using Miniature Devised by Don Jahrans in Filming a Railroad Siding Scene

Dummy Head of John P. Fulton's Invisible Man and Same Character Disrobing; Below, Background Scene over Which Film Is to Be Printed

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photographed with a camera that exposed a bi-pack containing two strips of panchromatic film, one of which registered the blues as whites and the other as blacks. One of these films was used to mask or matte off parts of another film containing the background and the other actors and then this first composite film was printed over the other from the bi-pack, trans-

ferring only the actor's clothes to the finished film and eliminating his head and hands.

"The most difficult part was directing the actor," says Mr. Fulton. "In some shots he had to work blind behind the wrappings, with air supplied by concealed tubes as in a diving suit. Inside his helmet and bandages, it was sometimes impossible for D 118 3

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forms dropped away, giving us perfect footprints that mysteriously appeared in the snow.

"The final shots of the picture were interesting—and also difficult. The invisible man is shown lying in a hospital bed with the effects of the drug slowly wearing off. On the screen, looking straight down at the bed, we can see at first only the depression made in the pillow by the invisible head and the shape of



Miniature Plane after It Had Crashed and Burned; It Was Manipulated with Wires During the Crash; Below, Fag on a Model Water Set Used in the Movies

him to receive instructions. When I used a large megaphone and shouted he could just hear a faint murmur. Once, when the air supply failed, he fainted in the middle of a scene.

"We made the invisible man run across the ground by digging a trench and covering it with a board in which footprints had been cut. The wooden footprints, supported on pegs attached to a rope in the trench, were placed back in the openings in the board and the board was then covered with snow material. By pulling on the rope attached to the pegs the wooden the sheets over the unseen form. Slowly a suggestion of bone structure appears—then a full skeleton—then slowly traces of flesh—then skin—and finally we see the man himself.

"This was done directly by the camera. The pillow, indentation and all, was made of plaster, and the sheets of papier mache. A long, slow lap-dissolve revealed the skeleton, a real one, by the way; another lap-dissolve replaced the skeleton with a roughly sculptured dummy that suggested the contours of the real actor, and a further series of such dissolves, each time

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using a slightly more finished dummy, brought us to the actor himself."

The trick of slowly changing an actor into a stone statue is done by filming him through two color wheel filters, one red and the other green. The start is shot through the red filter on film that registers the actor and his clothes in normal shades, then the green filter slowly replaces the red and as it does so the color values change until the actor resembles gleaming white stone. Of course, the color of everything else on the set would be changed at the same time, so the actor is filmed by himself against a black background and this film is then printed over another that contains the desired background and the other actors. The Williams' traveling matte process, which combines the desired parts of two separate films, is also used to film such difficult effects as a tiger jumping on an elephant's back.

Miniature sets and full-size backgrounds that consist of motion pictures projected on a screen behind the actors, two standbys of the special effects departments, are now combined in many different ways. Photographing a miniature and then "blowing it up" to full size on a background screen is the latest combination. Instead of building an old fashioned train to full size, the miniature builders construct a scale model. Then a motion picture of the train is made and is thrown on a screen while live actors scurry to and fro in front of it.

Willis H. O'Brien, a specialist in combining projected backgrounds and miniature sets, has developed the art so that actors appear to move around freely in sets that would really come up only to their knees. Of course, the finished picture shows everything in the right proportion. If O'Brien wishes to show explorers at the walls of a ruined city he first constructs a miniature of the city's wall, leaving a hole at the place the actors are to appear. Then a film is made of the actors as they perform against a background having the same tint as the miniature. This film is projected on a small screen behind the miniature city and is visible to the camera through the hole in the wall. By carefully gauging distances and lighting values the finished picture seems perfectly natural.

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HOUSE ON WHEELS IS HOME OF COLLEGE STUDENT



Traveling Home in Which College Student Lives; the Wood Is Painted to Resemble Brick

One student at the University of Utahhas solved his housing problem by building a home on wheels in which he lives
and travels between his own home at
Paris, Idaho, and the school at Salt Lake
City. The house is twelve feet long, six
and one-half feet wide and contains a
stove, a bunk for two, a folding table, collapsible chairs, medicine cabinet, clothes
closet, hat and book racks, typewriter
stand, wash basin and other conveniences.
It is built of wood, painted outside to resemble brick and well insulated. On the
road it is towed as a trailer behind the
student's automobile.

HANDY THREE-IN-ONE SCALE WEIGHS ACCURATELY

Giving accurate weights by three systems, avgirdupois, apothecaries and metric,



a new scale is handy for the home, school and travel. The dial chart is calibrated into the three systems. The scale can be adjusted by set screws so the pointer may be set at zero to balance scoop or container.

It is three inches wide, six and one-half inches long and seven and three eighths inches high.

Message in Snow Aids Hunt for Missing Plane



W-Note "G E 1000" Outlined in Snow in Upper Part of Photo; Also the Arrow Pointing in Direction of Disabled Plane; the "Writing" Was Done with Snowshoes

Huge letters and figures, "feathered" into the snow by men on snowshoes, formed a message that helped rescuers in their search for a plane that was forced down in the mountains of New York state. The message, which could be seen easily from the air, was intended to direct searching parties aloft and on the ground. An arrow indicated the location of the lost plane. State troopers at Gray, N. Y. "wrote" the message for the searchers.

HEAVY TREAD ON "SNOW" TIRE GIVES BETTER TRACTION



Designed especially for winter use, a new tire is equipped with a heavy tread that gives better traction in snow and on ice. Developed by Firestone Tire and Rubber company, the scientific

design provides easy steering, firm grip in snow and smooth riding on pavement.

ACCURACY OF WATCH TESTED

Developed to check the gain or loss of time in a few seconds, a watch tester records the difference on ruled paper. This permits the operator to make adjustments



Testing Watch on Latest Machine; Dols on Cylinder at Leit Show Whether It Is Accurate

and recheck the watch quickly. Vibrations from the watch balance wheel are transmitted to the machine and registered as dots on a drum. If the dots are irregular, the watch should be adjusted.

Hirestone Tire & Glubber

Roadway with Four Decks for City Traffic

Offered as a means of solving metropolitan traffic problems, a four-deck roadway has been designed. The multipledeck arrangement is said to accomplish four times the transportation in a given amount of street space as existing systems. The top deck provides landing space for airplanes, the two middle decks contain rapid transit tracks and the bottom deck is for pedestrians. One feature is that traffic may continue at top speed in winter, the runways being inclosed and heated. In addition, power and telephone lines are in safe, dry housings, eliminating poles.

CARBON-MONOXIDE GAS ALARM

When the amount of carbon monoxide in the air reaches the danger point, a new alarm rings an electric gong. The

alarm operates from a standard electric circuit. A small fan pulls air samples into

> the device constantly. If the concentration of carbon monoxide reaches .02 per cent, a point at which a few hours exposure would produce symptoms of poisoning, the alarm rings.



ELECTRIC WIRING CONNECTOR USED WITHOUT SOLDERING

Providing a positive and permanent conact, a new solderless connector for electric viring replaces the conventional solder lug. It can be used for either solid or



Sketch of Four-Deck Roadway as It Might Appear in City Street; Note Ramps Leading from Sidewalk to the Pedestrian Level

stranded conductors. It consists of a copper cup with inclosing sides and raised lip at the wire entrance, a specially designed hexagon nut and a stud. The nut, which can be turned with either a screwdriver or wrench, presents a smoothly rounded surface to the conductor. The nut crowds the

wire strands into the recess of the cup and compresses them to form a tight bond. The design eliminates loosening by vibration. Since the connector fits into the same place as a solder lug, it can be used on

standard switches without exceeding electrical clearances.

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DINNER TABLE
TRICKS

By HARRY BLACKSTONE

DINNER-TABLE magic is a diversion rather than a mystery. The cigaret is an excellent item to open proceedings. The demonstrator extends a pack to a friend. Before the recipient can reach for one, the performer makes passes with his fingers while he holds the pack in his other hand. Immediately a cigaret arises of its own accord.

This trick is made easy by the Cellophane wrapping around the pack. The performer uses a half-filled pack. He previously removes one cigaret and inserts it between the outside of the pack and the encircling Cellophane. When he takes the pack from his pocket, he keeps the outside cigaret from view. He holds the pack in his left hand, fingers in front, thumb





Left, Lumps of Sugar Treated with Salt in Order to Distinguish Any Lump Handled; Right, How Cigaret Inserted between Wrapper and "Cellophane" Is Made to Rise







in back. While the right hand makes its passes, the left thumb pushes through the Cellophane and forces the cigaret upward. To all appearances, the cigaret comes out of the pack itself.

With four or five lumps of sugar, the magician presents a real perplexity. He places the lumps on the table, then turns his back and gives instructions.

"Move them about," he suggests.

"Then pick up any lump, clench it in your fist and hold it to your forehead.

Now, replace the lump with the others."

Turning about, the performer touches each lump in turn. He lifts one and announces it is the selected lump. Before he presents this trick, he arranges the lumps in special fashion. He pours some salt into the napkin in his lap and while toying with the lumps, he drops a pinch of salt on each. Since both salt and sugar are white, no one notes the salt. When a spectator lifts a lump, the salt falls from it, unnoticed. After the lump is replaced on the table, the magician can pick it out at first glance. The whiteness of the tablecloth obscures any spilled salt.

Excellent tricks for the dinner table are those which spectators try to duplicate, only to be outdone by the performer. Here is one such trick with a cigaret and a plate.

The performer sets a cigaret in the center of a plate. After a few experiments, he manages to make the cigaret stand upright. Others try to do the same stunt. Some one suddenly succeeds. The laugh is on the magician. Then he calmly raises his plate from the table, moves it about and replaces it, keeping the cigaret upright all the while. His imitator tries to do the same but fails. The magician has prepared his cigaret by pushing a large-headed



Top, the Coin and Water Trick and Making a Cigaret Stand on a Plate; Below, Note the Concealed Thumb

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glass of the empty group; then replaces the original glass back between two full ones. Every odd glass is full; every even one is empty.

The next trick is one that some people will not believe possible even after they have seen it. First, a quarter is placed on the table. Next, an empty ginger ale bottle is inverted and carefully set upon the coin. The bottle seems ready to fall at the slightest jar.

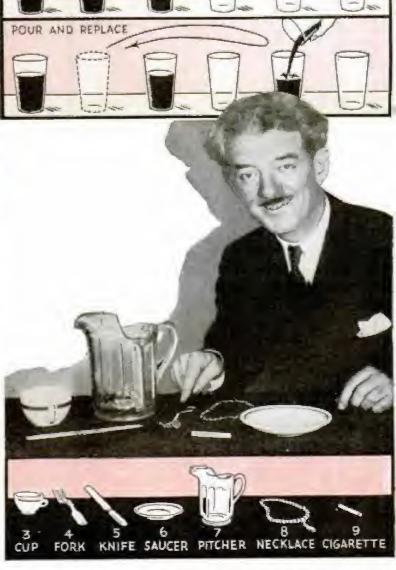
The magician takes a table knife, holds the blade flat against the table and delivers a side stroke with considerable force, cutting the coin from under the bottle. The bottle still stands upside down upon the table.

tack into one end. A cigaret thus arranged will balance with ease.

KNIFE FLAT

Here is one that always pleases. Six glasses are placed in a row; three tumblers are filled; three are empty. The full glasses are at one end of the line; the empties at the other. The trick is to move only one glass, yet finish with the glasses alternating full and empty, no two of the same sort being side by side. The spectators study the problem. Some declare that it can be done in two moves. A single move, however, sounds impossible, especially when the magician stipulates that he will touch but one glass.

When all have given up, the magician picks up the center glass of the three full ones. He pours the water from it into the center



Above, Using a Knile to Flip a Coin from under an Inverted Bottle, and the Solution of the Water Glass Trick; Below, the "Props" for the Mind-Reading Stunt

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The trick works on a tablecloth as well as a wooden surface, provided the cloth is large enough not to scuff when the stroke is made. All that the magician must remember is to keep the blade flat, strike cleanly and carry through. The bottle will scarcely waver as it drops into place.

When a trick does not seem too miraculous, the onlookers can frequently be kept from spotting some very simple ruse. The balancing of a dinner plate is proof of this. Done in a laborious fashion, as though very difficult, the trick will catch the wisest watchers.

The magician tries to balance a dinner plate by setting it upright on the back of his left hand. He is careful to catch the plate each time it topples. Finally he holds his hand palm upward and sets the plate on edge, trying from that position. The hand is held quite flat, allowing no purchase; nevertheless, the balance is gained at last. The performer must be careful to have all the spectators in front of him. The attempt to balance the plate on the back of the hand is merely a preliminary step, to give excuse for turning the hand palm upward.

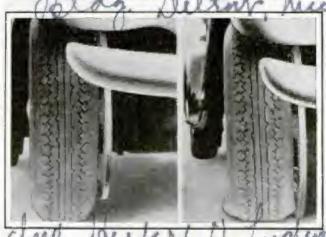
The observers watch the plate, forgetting about the balancer's left thumb. The plate rests on edge just below the fingers; the fingers are pointed toward the spectators. Up comes the thumb out of sight behind the plate. The magician allows the plate to tilt slightly backward. The thumb serves as a rest and the plate appears to be balanced. To conclude the trick, the performer tilts the left hand slightly forward. As the plate begins to topple, he grabs it with his right hand. The left hand draws away and the right passes the plate for examination.

The trick of picking out the coin is excellent for the dinner table, because it requires a variety of items, all of which are available. The magician begins with a saucer and glass of water. He pours some water in the saucer, then drops a coin into the water. He then declares he will remove the coin openly without dampening his thumb or fingers. Yet he promises not to lift the saucer, and adds that the water will still remain in it at the finish.

He tears a corner from a sheet of paper,

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PERMANENT TIRE GUARD ENDS DANGER FROM BLOWQUTS



eft, Guard with Tire Deflated; Right Guard Supporting Wheel and Deflated Tire

Permanently attached to the wheel, a tire guard ends the danger of wrecks after blowouts. It is a hubless, spokeless inner wheel of smaller circumference than the wheel with tire fully inflated, but large enough to support the wheel when the tire is deflated. If necessary, the motorist can drive for miles on the guards without damage to wheel, tire or tube. When a blowout occurs at high speed, the guard takes the drop created by the deflation and keeps the car on the road.

CANNIBALISM OF HENS STOPPED BY ANTI-PICKING GUARDS

Protection of the flock from the tendency of chickens to pick each other at certain times is provided by two devices, the first of which is attached through the chicken's nostrils. When the hen puts her head down to eat, the device raises, being properly balanced. But when she raises



her head to pick at another chicken, the guard falls over the beak and prevents picking. The second device prevents the chicken from seeing when she looks up. In order to do damage

If she wants to eat, she looks down and the device is no obstacle.

Poultry Tribune

with Vioyal Corps of signals

Radio Cars with High Masts Do Patrol Work



Radio Cars Equipped with High Aerial Masts Which Were Used to Maintain Communication between Various Military Units Policing the Saar During the Recent Plebiscite

Radio cars with lofty aerial masts are used for military patrol work in Europe. A fleet of such cars, each manned by a driver and radio man aided in policing the

Saar during the plebiscite there, making possible continuous communication between the various military units engaged in the work.

Split Keys in Two Sections Prevent Thefts from Safes



In order to divide the responsibility of the custodians of money and other valuables, a split key for cylinder locks has been developed. When the two sections of the key are joined, they Rena - 33894 form a master key

for the lock on the safe or strong box. The master key is simple in construction. A single long control section can be paired

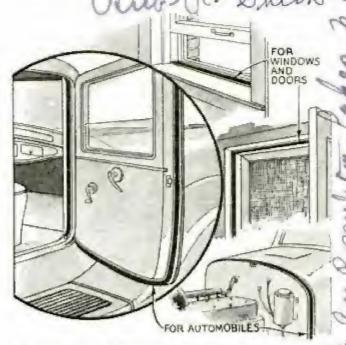
with any of several shorter main sections, each of the latter being different. The main section is kept by the cashier or other attendant in immediate charge of the money and the control section is retained by the proprietor of the business or the person who collects the money. The keys are virtually non-duplicative since they have a special grooving which does not appear on the blanks sold to locksmiths, requiring the owner to obtain a duplicate from the factory. A collector need carry only one control key in making the rounds of several stores or stations, each establishment having its own main section.

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ADHESIVE-BACK RUBBER SHIM FOR HOME OR GARAGE

Many uses in the home or garage can be found for a rubber shim available in strips of ten or fifty feet. The strips have an adhesive on one side covered with a cloth backing. Attachment to wood, glass or metal is easy, the cloth simply being pulled off and the achesive side pressed firmly on any clean surface. The material is invaluable for insulating purposes, for



Several Uses of Rubber Shim; It Is Easy to Apply' in Auto and in the Home

strips may be obtained in three thicknesses.

TWO-MAN CARRIER SIMPLIFIES HANDLING OF GAS TANKS

Tanks used to hold oxygen, acetylene and other forms of gas can be handled easily by two men with the aid of a simple carrying device operating on the cantilever principle. It consists of two wooden handles connected by metal loops. The bands enclose a circular opening and to place the carrier in position the handles are lowered to enlarge the opening and the bands are slipped over the top of the tank. The handles then are raised to a horizontal position. This causes the bands to tighten and the butt ends of the handles are brought against the tank, making it impossible for the tank to slip. The carrier



wo-Man Carrier Which Makes It an Easy Matter to Transport Tanks of Oxygen or Carbonic Gas

is provided in three sizes and a model with hooks is used with traveling cranes.

SHOOTING RANGE IN BASEMENT EXTENDS UNDERGROUND

When a New Jersey man remodeled his basement, he installed a shooting range in the lounging room. To make it safer than the usual basement range, he extended a weather-stripping and for preventing rat- ? hole through the basement wall for twenty tles. Three-eighths of an inch wide, the feet and placed the target at the walls. with a plaque decorated like the walls.



Safe Shooting Range Installed in Hole in Basement

Behind the Scenes in a

excite the lion or get him rebellious in the wrestling stunt. The lion's patience and power of attention are short. He has less intelligence than the most stupid dog. He cares nothing for the man's approval. He does automatically what he has been taught. If a tame lion is allowed to mix with ordinary beasts he quickly becomes just a lion.

The spectacular lion and tiger shows are the "big

TRAINERS know only two kinds of lions—those you can put your hands on and those you can't.

There are two kinds of cat acts. In the small "trick acts" you see a huge, black-maned monarch of the veldt allow the trainer to sit on him or open his jaws and let the man put his head between them.

This lion was reared as a pet from the time it was a fluffy kitten. As a small cub it had a doll's head put in its mouth. If it closed its teeth the baby lion was tapped on the nose with a buggy whip. Every day it held in its mouth dummy heads, bigger as the lion grew.

You will notice that the trainer keeps his head in the jaws only a few seconds. He is careful not to



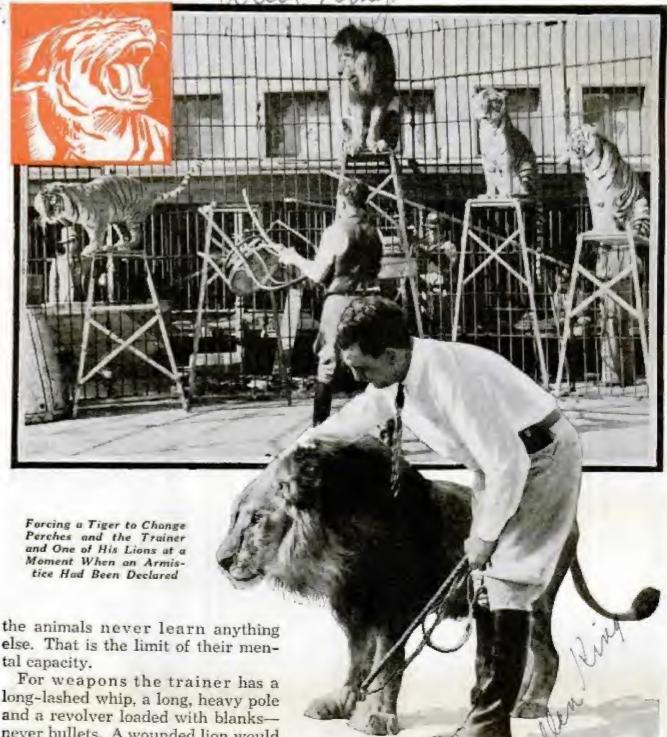
Allen King, Trainer, Teaching a Tiger to Roll a Ball and, Below, an Old Trouper Sitting Unconcernedly on His Perch Waiting for the Signal to Return to His Cage



A minute later the trainer is alone with

The arena is a steel-barred circle, thirty to forty feet in diameter. It has several double-door emergency exits. The same arenas are used in winter quarters and in

the shows. Training and rehearsing go on all the time. Around the arena at various heights are small platforms clamped to the bars. The object is to force the lion or tiger to get up on one of these perches and sit there until ordered down. Most of



long-lashed whip, a long, heavy pole and a revolver loaded with blanksnever bullets. A wounded lion would never stop until he killed or was killed. The man also holds a common

wooden chair with his left hand. In preparation for its schooling the lion has had a heavy trace chain fastened around its neck in its cage by catching the animal with loops of rope. There is a loud banging of clubs on the runway and yells of "Get going!" The beast leaps out on the tanbark, two feet of the chain whipping its fore legs, and glares around the arena, paying no attention to the man.

It immediately begins to gallop around the circle, looking for a way out. The

trainer follows, shouting and cracking his whip, trying to get the animal's attention. To the animals, the arena is a detestable, unnatural place. Sometimes a lion, in a rage to get out, will scramble up to the top, hang a moment, then fall like a sack.

Around the outside of the bars are half a dozen cage men with iron hooks and coils of three-quarter inch rope. The trainer keeps after the lion. When he annoys it too much it turns on him in a snarling rush.

The man backs away and protects himself by shoving the legs of the chair in the beast's face. The animal vents its anger by chewing a chair leg and giving it a few cuffs with its mighty paws. The fundamental, stupid good-nature of the lion tribe is shown here. All the animal wants is for that incomprehensible, two-legged creature to stop bothering him.

The lion won't go on the perch. The trainer checks him a second close to the bars. One of the men outside hooks the chain through. Two men drag the lion close to the bars. Another snaps a rope on the chain. The end of the rope is passed over a cross bar eight feet above a perch. As soon as the hook is off the lion makes great leaps out into the arena. The rope jerks him to a stop in midair and he falls on his side like a lassoed steer. Then two men on the rope drag him back to the perch. To ease the choking of the chain he crawls up on the little platform and sits, dazed, tongue hanging out and ribs pumping. The trainer rewards him by kind words and stroking, at eight feet distance, with the end of the pole.

A lion may be seat-broken at one lesson. It may take a year. In a busy session the trainer may take on one animal after another until half a dozen novices are roped on the perches. For training specially promising animals to do specialties, like balancing on a ball, or jumping from place to place, the chain is used in the same way. Tigers are slightly more intelligent and give up much easier than lions. They may often be seat-broken without the chain.

The trainer works an animal only a few minutes at a time. Wild beasts can stand nothing like the steady grind of a domestic animal, mentally or physically. Capt. W. K. Bernardi, a trainer, says that if a lion escaped and ran sixty yards at its top speed it would be completely bushed.

Obviously animals so trained are more than half wild. In the performance the trainer will come near and tease them on their perches so they will show their savagery by snarls and cutting at him, but he keeps his distance. When he is putting an animal through an act he stands well out of reach. The reason they don't leave their places to attack is that it is not the nature

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SCREW CAP EASILY TIGHTENED WITH SMALL HAND TOOL



Wooden Handle with Composition Band in Hole in End Used for Tightening Screw Caps

Tightening screw caps on bottles is made easy with a wooden handle containing a composition band which is inserted into a hole drilled in one end. To tighten a cap the handle is pressed on the top and turned to the right. To loosen, the process is reversed. The band does not slip on the cap or damage it and it can be operated faster than the fingers alone can do the work.

PENCIL WRITES THREE COLORS

Serving the purpose of three pencils, an automatic pencil made of pyralin writes three colors. A flick of a thumb button changes from one color lead to another. Three separate leads are

contained in the normal size barrel. Each

lead is supported to the writing point

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Crowds See Bridge Game on Electric Board

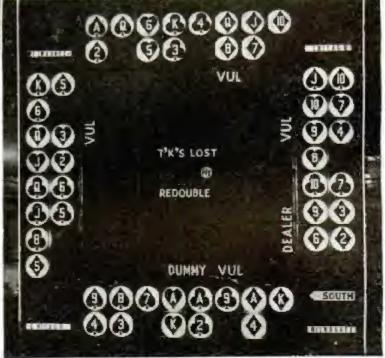


the game. By manipulating a series of switches the operator flashed on the board each bid and each card played. Besides indicating cards held by each player and the cards each player and the board also showed tricks lost, redoubles and who was vulnerable at any moment during the tournament.

board, known as a telebridge, of the progress of

Electric Board Which Enables Grown to Watch Play and Bridge Tournament, and the Man Who Operates It

More than 500 bridge enthusiasts were able to watch the bidding and play in an inter-city contract bridge contest between Chicago and Milwaukee teams with the aid of a big electric board on which the cards held by each player were shown. This enabled spectators to follow the bidding and play just as though they were standing behind the contestants. An announcer stood behind the players and through a telephone informed the operator of the



Rectangle Head Tri-Square Speeds Work of Mechanics



Designed with a rectangular, head, a new tri-square can be used for inside and outside squaring without adjustment. An angle measuring arrangement is one feature, consisting of a mov-

able arm and quadrant attachment to the head. Pressure on a slide bolt projects the arm to give the forty-five degree angle instantaneously. Angles from zero to forty-five degrees are obtained by manipulation of the slide bolt. Quadrant faces marked for various classes of mechanics and carpenters are available. Other features include instantaneous forty-five degree miter, rule, level, plumb and scriber which screws into the head when it is not being used.

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FLYING OFFICE SAVES TIME OF BUSY EXECUTIVES

Equipped with fine furnishings and decorated in the ultra-modern manner, the latest airplane resembles a skyscraper office, so far as the interior is concerned. It has a lounge seating eleven persons, a conference room for four, a galley, lavatory and pilot's quarters. The floor is covered with brown carpet, the ceiling with tan fabric and the paneling between windows with green finish, to match the green curtains. Metal accessories and trim are gun metal. Individual reading lights are set in the ventilating duct, while three central ceiling lights supply general illumination. The "flying office," a Douglas transport, has two-way telephone and built-in radio in the lounge. It was styled for Cities Service company, [[

TOY TRAIN DELIVERS FARMER'S MAIL,

One western farmer claims he operates the world's smallest "mail train." His house



Depositing Mail in Box Pulled by Toy Engine

is some distance from the road where mail is delivered. The farmer laid a tiny track from his house to the road, obtained a toy locomotive and fitted his mail box as a "mail car." About time for the carrier to



Interior of Plane Equipped for Business Use; This Is the Lounge with Built-In Phone and Radio

arrive, the train is started from the house. A lever alongside the track stops the engine when it reaches the highway. The mail man deposits the letters, turns a switch and the train chugs back to the house. It is operated with small batteries.

SPEEDOMETER FOR THE "BIKE" ALSO SHOWS MILEAGE

Both speed and mileage are indicated on an accessory designed by Stewart- Warner

for the bicycle. Three and one-half inches in diameter, the speed-ometer head has an aluminum-finish case. The face is black with white figures that show speeds up to fifty miles per hour and mileage up to 9999.9. Only a few



minutes are required for installation. The speedometer works from the front axle.

Sleward- Warner

HAZARDS of

waves. So no man may number the colors; their number is infinity. In practical terms we recognize seven colors of the spectrum; red, orange, light, and not color. increasing.

yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet, and consider all others graduations of these. The painter recognizes only three colors, and calls these primary, for he has learned to blend them into any shade he desires save black and white, which he calls shadow and But the dyestuff maker, by accurate mathematical computation, recognizes

4,000,000 colors, and each of these, he knows, is a precise chemical formula. Thousands have already been discovered and day by day the number is

In hundreds of dyestuff plants chemists labor to produce new colors and more permanent coloring materials. Their work is extremely dangerous, for from a group of 250 "intermedi-

By WALTER E. STEWART:

WHEN W. H. Perkin, a young English chemist, attempted to make some quinine in 1856 and accidentally created the first synthetic dyestuff, aniline purple, he began an era of danger to experimenters only equaled by the development of gunpowder.

It was another English scientist who discovered the composite nature of sunlight and started the train of discovery which revealed that all non-luminous and nonfluorescent substances are dependent for their color upon the light which strikes them. A red carnation appears brilliant red in red light, and yellow in yellow light, but in green or blue light it appears black,

Colors of light are merely various frequencies of light waves, just as musical notes are various frequencies of sound



Fighting Fire Started While Making Dyestuffs and Inspecting a Pressure Mixing Chamber Used in the Manufacture of Dyes

CREATING ates" they may derive a possible 4,000,000 or so different chemical dyes whose prop-

erties are largely unknown until discovered by experiment.

Only a few weeks ago a chemist in a laboratory near Kearny, N. J., started a reaction in a glass distillation unit. Cautiously he pushed a small bunsen burner under the glass chamber. Immediately the reaction began to accelerate, and he had just enough time to throw up his hands to protect his face before a violent detonation shattered the apparatus.

Dyes range in price from one dollar to ? over fifty dollars a pound, and it is not unusual for a new shade to result in a 5 business for a small plant amounting to more than \$100,000 in a single month.

Beginning with the distillation of the coal tar and continuing to the final grinding of the dry dyestuff, every step of the process is potentially dangerous. About a year ago, near Newark, N. J., the ordinary process of recovering benzine from coal tar was proceeding when a new workman carelessly lighted a match. With a roar heard for miles a huge steel tank sailed skyward killing four persons.

A few months later at another plant in

Changing Colors in the Show Windows Are the Result of the Work of Thousands of Research Chemists; the Dress Derives Its Color from a Coal Mine and the Test Tube of a Chemist



the same vicinity one of the intermediates, benzidine, was being made by adding powdered zinc to a compound of sodium hydroxide and nitro-benzine. The mixture was in a large, lead-lined, steel tank. A workman added the powdered zinc a little too fast, and when the reaction started the whole mass flashed over almost instantaneously. The resultant blast burst the heavy pressure head of the tank and sent it crashing through the heavily timbered roof.

Phosgene and chlorine, both deadly gases used in chemical

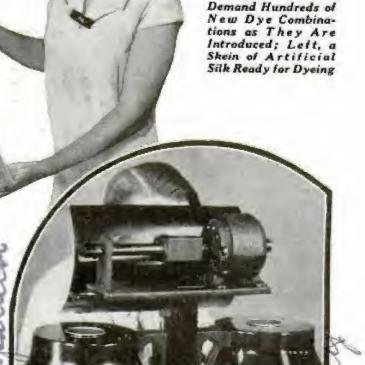
warfare, are used extensively in the creation of intermediates. The chlorine is fairly well controlled, but workers around the tanks where phosgene is used always wear gas masks. A few weeks ago a foreman, checking one of the phosgenation processes, came upon a worker slumped on the floor. Only quick work in getting him out and the immediate application of an oxygen respirator saved his life. Investigation showed that the man had been knocked out by gas leaking into his mask through a tiny hole.

Many colors are themselves explosive when subjected to excessive heat. Less than a year ago a small micro-mill used for grinding and mixing the dry colors became overheated, due to friction, and exploded a batch of acid anthracine brown which was in process. This color

is derived from the picric acid used in gunpowder. The explosion demolished the entire end of a large building and it was only by great good fortune that the workers escaped. Accidents with this material had been so frequent that the mill was rebuilt in a bombproof shelter which was equipped with remote controls so that no one need be inside while the machinery was running.

And so the story of the creation of each new color is one of adventure and danger and high reward.

Above, New Fabrics



Above, an Optical Machine Which Classifies the New

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SEA SHELL ARTIST TURNS HOBBY INTO MONEY

From a hobby of fashioning novelties out of sea shells is growing a business. A Pacific coast artist finds a demand for articles made from crab, lobster, clam, mussel, sea snail and periwinkle shells. The starfish is prepared by cleaning it thoroughly, incorporating it into a novelty and then giving the finished product a coating of shellac and varnish to give it permanency.



Artist With Some Samples of the Novelties Which He Has Made by Using Shells; Note Treatment of Starfish

MIRROR HELPS TO FIND FLAWS IN RAILWAY CARS



Car Inspector Using Mirror to Examine Arch Bar

Broken arch bars on freight cars have cost the railroads millions of dollars in damage to equipment and right of way. One of the latest methods of inspecting the arch bars at terminals is by using a specially constructed hand mirror that reflects the underside of the bars.

NEST IDENTIFIES EGG-LÄYERS FROM NON-LAYING HENS

Hens that lay are identified automatically from non-layers by an all-metal nest. The hen, with numbered leg band, enters from the roosting pen by a door that is always open if the nest is unoccupied. After being laid, the egg rolls down an incline, locks the roosting pen door and unlocks the door to the layers' pen. When the hen leaves, the nest automatically rises, causing the egg to roll into a storage basket, and reopening the door leading from the roosting pen. If the hen fails to lay, the only means of leaving the nest is by the nonlayers' exit. At night, all the layers are in one pen, the non-layers in another. Thus a daily record may be kept and a flock of egg producers gathered.



Metal Nest Identifies Laying Hens; Drawing Shows How Egg Reaches Storage Basket

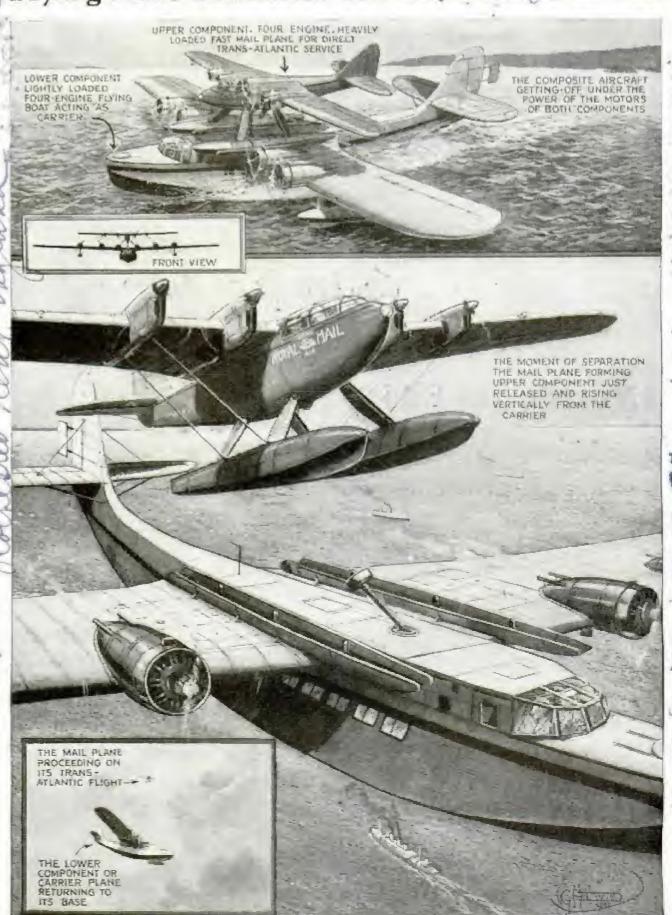
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Flying Boat Launches Sea Mail Plane in Air

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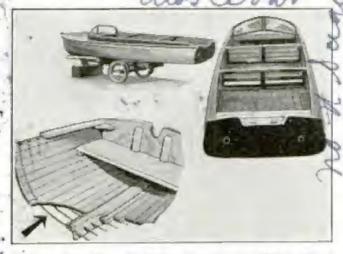
British Designer's Combination Flying Boat and Mail Plane, Each with Four Engines; Top, Mail Ship Attached to Flying Boat at Takeoff; Bottom, Launching Mail Plane in Air to Fly from England to Canada While Carrier Flies Back to Base; Mail Plane Has Floats; Composite Craft Is Being Constructed

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RUSTPROOF STEEL BOAT RIBS DECREASE WEIGHT

Replacing the usual timber ribs, rustless chrome-steel bars are used in a British made motor boat that is said to be about sixty per cent lighter than conventional craft of the same size. With an outboard motor, the boat attains a speed of twentyfive knots. The planks of the boat are laid lengthwise from stem to stern, with the steel bars passing edgewise through each plank. At the gunwales, the bars are fastened with nuts to press the planks tightly. together. The bars are spaced three to ten inches apart to prevent changes in the shape of the hull. Painting or cleaning the interior of the craft is easy because it is smooth from keel to gunwale. The makers claim this method produces a boat that is much stronger and much easier to keep watertight.



Illustrating New Boat Construction in Which Steel
Ribs Replace Wood

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More accurate timekeeping at boxing bouts is possible with an electric device recently installed at a Louisiana arena. After the referee gives his instructions to the fighters, the electric clock tolls off the seconds with flashes from a red-light bulb. During the rest period, the timer shows a green light for ten seconds before the fight is to be resumed, giving the handlers time to leave the ring. In the event of a knockdown, the device sounds a gong and the red light, held high above the timekeeper's head, begins tolling off the seconds, stop-



Apparatus for Keeping Time at Ringside; It Counts
Accurately in Case of Knockdowns

ping at ten and signifying a knockout. It is intended to eliminate the "long count" of past boxing bouts.

GAS IN BOTTLE WHIPS CREAM AT TOUCH OF BUTTON 2 / 3

Cream can be whipped by touching the button of a gas container developed by Charles A. Getz of the University of Illinois. The whipping process is one of physical chemistry. The cream is placed in a special container made of steel, tin dipped, with an air-tight top, containing an air valve. All oxygen is forced out and nitrous oxide gas is injected into the container. The housewife is provided with a release trigger which she attaches to the "bottle." When she presses the button on top of the trigger, the gas forces out the cream in aerated or whipped form.



Three Views of Gas Bottle in Which Cream Is Whipped Almost Instantaneously



Showing Automobile Loaded in Giant Cargo Plane; Note How Fully Assembled Car Is Easily Fitted into the Compartment

CARGO PLANE CARRIES AUTO IN ASSEMBLED FORM

Automobiles in assembled form can be transported by a giant cargo plane capable of a speed of 117 miles per hour. The automobile is loaded into the cabin of the ship, a Condor. The plane also can serve as an ambulance, a troop transport or carrier of general freight, cafeteria equipment, spare engines, gasoline and other supplies. Special fittings facilitate the loading of bulky or heavy objects.

GEAR LAPPING MORE ACCURATE WITH AUTOMATIC MACHINE

Making possible the lapping of heattreated gears to an entirely new degree of tolerances, an automatic machine has been developed to turn out smoother,

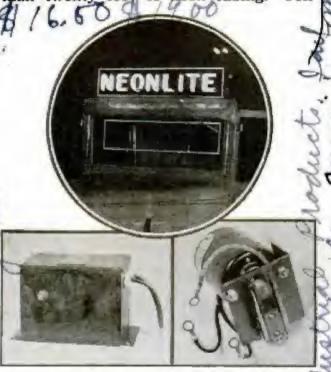
quieter and more efficient spur, helical and herring-bone gears. A new method called "inclined axis" is employed by the machine. By inclining the axes of the lapping members

to the work piece, the machine produces frictional or abrasive action along the normal pitch line of the gear tooth by retary motion only without increasing the sliding movement between other contacting portions of the gear teeth. The result is more thorough lapping action throughout the gear tooth surface. The machine also has the advantage of lapping one on more gears on a cluster simultaneously without adding to operation costs.

NEON AUTO LIGHTS ARE OPERATED ON SIX-VOLT BATTERY

Neon signs on automobiles, trucks, airplanes and other places where the only current is from

by an inexpensive transformer unit. Direct current from a six-volt battery is converted by the unit into alternating current of 10,000 volts, sufficient to operate more than twenty feet of peon tubing. Con-



Two Views of Simple Equipment for Putting Neon Lights on Truck

sumption is only about five amperes, less than used by the average car radio. The transformer weighs only nine and one-half pounds. A special model can be used with lighting plants with thirty-volt batteries. DIG POPULAR MECHANICS

Diagrams Flash on Screen as Lecturer Writes

Diagrams or formulas may be flashed on a screen as the lecturer writes by a projector developed in Germany. The lecturer writes or draws horizontally on a sheet of Cellophane lying above a horizontal glass plate. Illuminated from below, this plate causes whatever is written to be projected, on an enlarged scale, on a screen. The Cellophane is arranged in the form of a strip on rollers so that it may be pushed forward as the writing space is filled. The speaker writes in normal position and faces the audience. A 500-watt lamp projects the writing, its beam passing through a water chamber which absorbs the heat rays. The projected writing does not strain the eyes. The arrangement is intended to replace blackboard work, which forces the lecturer to turn his back on his hearers.



Fingerprint Blurs Cleared by Matching Enlarged Images

Blurred fingerprints can be cleared up by a device recently pressed into service by the U. S. department of justice in the



Latest Equipment for Comparing Fingerprints to Clear Up Blurred Lines

war on crime. The device is plugged into an electric connection, lighting up a small screen. On this screen is projected the enlarged image of two separate sets of fingerprints. If they are identical, from the same fingers of the same hand, the lines flow together so that only one fingerprint stands out in detail. Thus may be proved the connection of a suspect with a crime, provided his fingerprints already are on file. Recently a fight occurred between department of justice agents and a band of outlaws. One of the government men was killed and the slayer escaped, leaving no trace but a pair of badly blurred fingerprints. The "unblurring" device helped to establish his identity and he was arrested.

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Phone Cord of Braided Elastic Which Is Out of the Way When Not in Use Although It Stretches under Tension When Receiver Is Lifted

PHONE CORD WHICH STRETCHES WILL NOT TANGLE

Germany has produced a telephone cord which stretches, thereby eliminating the bother of disentangling the cord leading from the instrument to the receiver. The double cord to the hand set is of braided elastic rubber. This allows the cords to be stretched to about four times their length when not under tension. The wires the cords enclose are pulled together when not in use and extend with the rubberized covering when the hand set is pulled.

ELECTRIC "SEAS" ABOVE EARTH

More than sixty miles above the earth oceans of electricity affect the magnetic compasses and radio reception. Radio waves are reflected by the bottom of this layer, making long-distance reception possible. Currents up to 160,000 amperes make up this sea of electricity, the effect of which on compasses is demonstrated at the Carnegie Institution at Washington, D. C.

DRY ICE" CONTROL FOR ANY SIZE REFRIGERATOR

Control of Dry Ice tem peratures inside closed, spaces is achieved in a system developed for efficient refrigeration in the home, trucks and railroad freight cars. Dry Ice is solid carbon dioxide gas. which has a temperature of 112 degrees below zero. When it "thaws," it turns back into dry, invisible gas. The device for controlling its temperature is a welded metal chamber having a series of tubes surrounding the inner chamber. The block of Dry Ice is placed inside the chamber and the door sealed. As the ice turns to gas, it is recirculated around the solid block. The colder gases remain' near the bottom and as they absorb heat from the, ice box, truck body, ice-5

to the top, similar in action to the automobile radiator. Finally, when the gases reach the temperature indicated by a control dial they escape through a valve. Fifteen pounds of Dry Ice will keep a small ice box cold for a week in summer. A unit weighing less than 200 pounds and loaded with Dry Ice will refrigerate a five-ton truck for two days.



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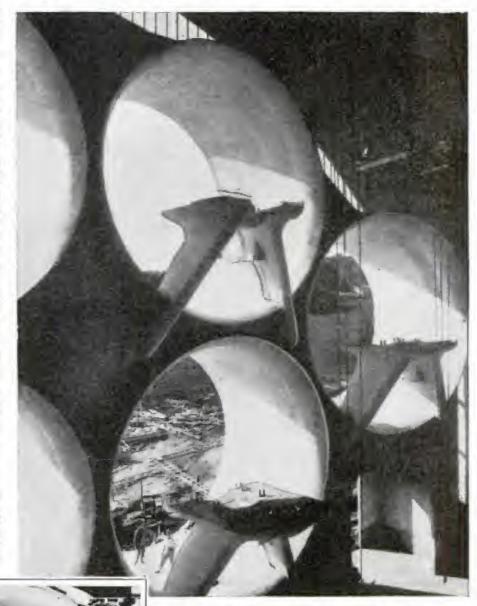
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Huge Wind Tunnel to Test Full-Size Planes

Full-size airplanes will he given aerodynamic tests in a giant wind tunnel now being construct-ed near Paris. This tunnel is so large that actual flying conditions in the air can be approximated during the tests. From one angle the tunnel looks like a big Swiss cheese, the holes being the aspiration tubes with the supports for the motors and propellers. With the aid of this tunnel, plane designs constructed to full scale can be tested thoroughly without taking the ships off the ground. The equipment can also be used for testing boats, automobiles and other forms of transportation to which streamlining is being applied.

Right, Aspiration Tubes with Supports for Motors and Propellers in Giant Wind Tunnel for Texting Full-Size Planes; Below, a Part of the Tunnel; Compare Size with the Two Men



HINTED FOR THE FUTURE

Pointing out that we already hear and eventually will see by radio, Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, consulting engineer of the RCA Manufacturing company, suggests that in the remote future radio may appeal to man's other sense, such as taste, smell and touch. "Telegustatory Broadcasting," as he calls it, may make it possible to "taste" a fine brand of coffee by radio. The transmission of smells perhaps would be easier, he thinks, since the "telolfactory" receiver would need only to spray into the air a duplicate of the odor transmitted. Too, there is the very remote possibility of transmitting three-dimensional replicas of objects which might be touched.



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Tround the WORLD INNER AFTER BAGGAGE AND MAIL ROOM SALOON ON UPPER PORT PUSHER AIR SCREW DECK COCKTAIL SPAN OF WINGS CARGO SPACE. 163 FEET BATH ROOM-UB WING SIX TWO-BERTH PRIVATE CABINS OH STARBOARD SIDE INNER FORWARD PORT ENGINE 850 HP. CONTROL CABIN WITH DUAL CONTROL AND 151 AND 2ND PILOTS (UPPER DECK) CAPTAIN'S CABIN NAVIGATION ROOM MOORING HATCH BINING STUB WING ANCHOR MAIN WING AND CABLE WIRELESS CABIN CHOSS SECTION LOCKERS AND MARINE STORES STAIR

GIANT flying whales and aerial greyhounds, built by men, are about to conquer the oceanic spaces and set new records for travel.

A ten-day tour around the world will be the immediate result of present plans to span the oceans with high-speed, multimotored flying boats. A great boom in inter-continental communication is in

prospect soon after the half-dozen or more transports pass their preliminary tests.

Five nations, the United States, England, France, Germany and Russia, have launched, or are about to launch, air transports of greater size and tonnage than any now on the world's airways. Igor Sikorsky is preparing to build a 100-passenger transatlantic clipper, while Glenn Martin has already launched the first of three Pacific clippers. Simultaneously, the French

are rushing construction on an eighty-passenger flying boat, destined for the South Atlantic run.

Under the direction of Dr. Hugo Eckener, Germany is completing the aerial greyhound LZ-129, which will have dimensions equal to some of the largest ships and comfortable accommodations for fifty passengers. The British Imperial Airways is extending

its regular service beyond India and will probably establish an eastern terminus at the Singapore naval base. Also, the company has received bids on two flying boats designed for the north Atlantic run. And Russia is now testing an eight-motored 7,000-horsepower giant capable of 240 miles per hour.

These air leviathans will change the picture of world travel beyond all recognition. Although it is now possible to buy a

FRESH WATER TANKS DOUBLE BOTTOM

Diagram and Cross Section of Double-Deck French Flying Boat Intended for Transatlantic Service;
When Fully Loaded, It Will Weigh

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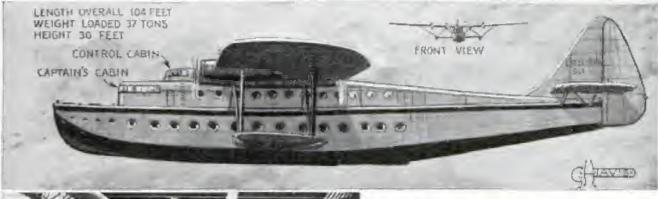
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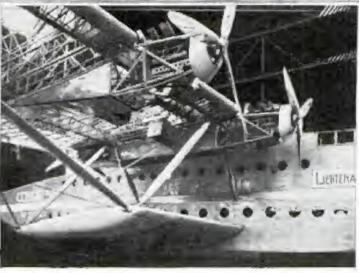
in TEN DAYS?

single ticket to carry you around the world via aircraft and steamers, the necessary time is fifty-seven days. Save for the Pacific leg, all the travel is by air. If you start from Seattle, you fly south to Pernambuco, Brazil, and transfer to the "Graf Zeppelin," which carries you to Seville, Spain; thence by plane, or plane and boat to Singapore, and across the Pacific by steamer. The actual time in transit is thirty-eight days, of which fifteen are spent in the air.

The next few months will witness a sensational reduction of the minimum time for a tour around the globe. The leg across the Pacific will be covered in a Pacific clipper and the south Atlantic leg will be optional when the new dirigible, LZ-129, starts a north Atlantic service. The new French flying boat service in the south Atlantic will cut







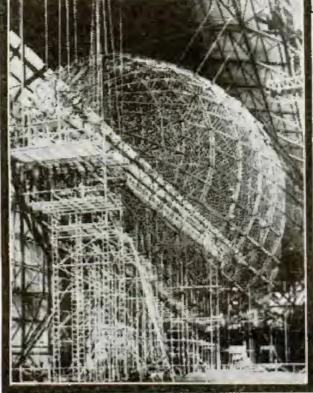
French Flying Boat under Construction and as It Will Appear When Finished; Top, This German Dirigible Will Carry a Pay Load of 60,000 Pounds

the time of the "Graf Zeppelin" in half and offer more frequent schedules. The United States navy has already granted Dr. Eckener permission to moor the LZ-129 at the Miami and Lakehurst naval stations. Tentative schedules indicate that after July, you will be able to travel from San Francisco to London in slightly more than forty-eight hours.

Commander Charles E. Rosendahl,

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Clipper Ship for Pan-American Airways' Service, and German Airship under Construction

the navy's lighter-than-air expert, says the development of aviation makes this possible. A passenger will cross the country in an overnight trip and arrive in time to catch the transatlantic dirigible by noon. Commander Rosendahl says that mail can be assembled hours after the dirigible has started and transferred at sea from airplanes which attach themselves to the air giant with "hook-on" appliances such as are used on the dirigible "Macon."

As to the safety and dependability of transoceanic dirigible service, Commander Rosendahl points out that no attempt to cross the ocean by an airship has ever come to grief. Pan-American Airways plans to span the Pacific with a \$2,000,000 fleet of six mammoth clippers, the first of which has already gone into experimental service. With the use of the clippers, the post office is contemplating a six-day mail service between Shanghai and New York. In other words, it will be possible to travel between Shanghai and London, via Pan American, T.W.A., and the LZ-129 on a

seven-day schedule.

Imperial Airways or the Dutch Air Lines will be the connecting link between London and the orient. It seems likely that the London-Shanghai stage of the journey will be completed within three days, making possible a ten-day tour of the globe, if connections can be made without delays. This is less than one-fifth the time required at present and one-eighth the time which

Jules Verne predicted.

The LZ-129 will give passengers the same comforts now offered on ocean steamers. Her length is to be 815 feet, her beam 137 feet, and her volume more than 7,000,-000 cubic feet. The helium within her metal frame will have a lifting capacity of 418,000 pounds, and her pay load will be 60,000 pounds. She will carry her passengers within the ship itself, instead of in a gondola. Features include twenty-five staterooms, fifty berths, a dining salon, lounge, reading and writing room, smoker, bar and promenade.

The four Diesel engines will generate

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4,400 horsepower giving a cruising speed of eighty-four miles per hour. Her fuel tanks will hold sixty tons of crude oil, enough to carry her at least one-third of the way around the globe without refueling. To maintain a safe ballast she will have storage tanks to conserve all the waste of the kitchen and passengers to help counterbalance the loss of weight through fuel consumption. The designers have also produced an apparatus for extracting water vapor from the air at the rate of about 150 gallons per hour. Thus, in case of serious ballast loss, it will be possible with this apparatus to increase the stabilizing load of the ship.

Glenn Martin has plans for a cantilever monoplane flying boat capable of carrying 10,000 pounds of pay load. With a range of 5,000 miles and a cruising speed of 180 miles per hour, it may make possible what Martin claims will be "an economically sound year-round service for mail, passengers and express."

"I predict," he said, "that by 1938 you will take off from New York at four p.m., have dinner aboard your plane, go to bed, and see the shore line of Europe by breakfast. You will set foot in Paris by noon."

The inventor said his super-clipper will be powered by only four engines, with a combined rating of 7,000 horsepower. This means 1,750 horsepower per engine, an unheard-of thing these days, but we have Glenn Martin's word that "such engines are well on the way experimentally."

France expects to begin operating its new flying boat on the south Atlantic run next summer. It has six water-cooled Hispano-Suiza engines rated at 850 horse-power each, and they are streamlined into the wing. Sikorsky's second record-breaking S-42 will leave shortly for experimental service in the Pacific coast area, in preparation for regular service from California to Hawaii. Supplementary service will be established from Hawaii to the Philippines and China.

British Imperial Airways are also preparing to enter the transatlantic service with flying boats. They have received bids on two larger than any they now have in service, and one of these will probably be used in the New York-Bermuda service which Imperial Airways will operate jointly with Pan-American Airways.



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Testing Sample of Awning Canvas Which Has Been Treated to Make It Fire Resistant

CANVAS MADE FIRE RESISTANT FOR USE IN AWNINGS

Canvas for awnings can be made fire resistant by a method developed by a government scientist. The treatment makes the fabric withstand repeated wetting and drying without serious deterioration.

COMPACT WEATHER INDICATOR FORECASTS CHANGES

Changes in the weather are indicated several hours in advance by a compact in-



strument which includes several recordings on an upright column and a circular base. There is a barometer for measuring atmospheric pressure, a thermometer to give air temperature, a hygrometer for measuring air moisture and an indicator to show

wind direction. With the aid of these readings it is possible to make deductions concerning the coming weather.

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"Pit" Crews Flash Signals to Outboard Racers



Signaling Outboard Boat Race Crew from Shore by Means of Placard Similar to Those Used in Communicating with Auto Race Drivers

Borrowing a trick from modern automobile racing, California outboard speedboat race drivers are catching their signals on the fly from assistants working in the "pits" ashore. The number of laps made, their position with relation to competitors, average speed and other information all are flashed to them by code characters printed on plywood boards and held aloft as they pass. The races are somewhat like automobile races in that refilling of fuel tanks and repairs are often required and this necessitates some method of communication between the drivers and mechanics and the "ground" crews.

Latest Dental Aids Are Used in Treating Dogs' Teeth

Visitors to the Humane Society's clinic in New York will find one suite of offices devoted entirely to dentistry for animals, and particularly for dogs. Here are all modern appliances and devices for dental treatment. There is also a spacious waiting room, the consulting room where dogs are brought first to have their condition determined. Next is the completely equipped operating room. But instead of the usual dentist's chair, there is a hydraulic operating table lately introduced. This has been modified and improved to suit the dog dentist's particular needs, for dog patients must lie down while being treated. In the laboratory are various curious devices necessary for the manufacture of artificial aids for broken teeth, missing teeth, etc. There are rows upon rows of artificial teeth which replace broken ones in the animal's mouth. It seems that dogs break their teeth frequently and their suffering in that case is considerable. When the dog gets false teeth, a plaster cast is made of his gums, upon which new teeth are fitted.



Dog Patient under Dental Treatment in Clinic Equipped with Finest Equipment

Sometimes people bring their dogs to have their teeth cleaned. Incidentally, it takes more than an hour to clean a dog's teeth because he has more than a human. Dr. William H. Dohm is in charge of the office.

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Living Flowers Decorate Exposition Buildings



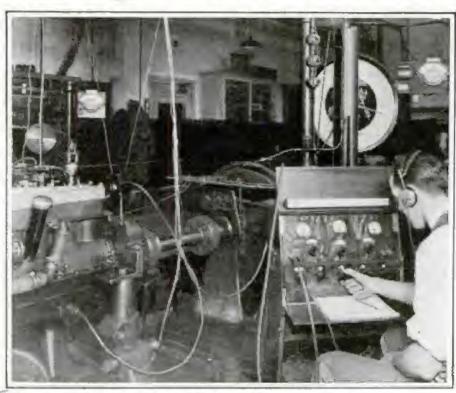
Architect's Rendering of One of Buildings for California Pacific International Exposition, Showing How Living Flowers and Vines Are Used for Ornamental Purposes

As a substitute for sculpture or other ornamental structural features, a California architect has designed a group of buildings to be decorated with living plants in bloom. From a roof-line ledge surrounding each structure, there are hanging borders of blossoming vines, adding color and life to otherwise plain wall spaces. This form of ornamentation is being employed

for buildings erected for the California Pacific International Exposition, opening in May. For each structure a different color scheme in flowers is used. For instance, from one building hang lavender trailing lantana and on the ground at the base is a border of both yellow and orange lantana. Exteriors will be illuminated at night, leading to still further color combinations.

Microphone Placed in Engine Detects Hidden Noises

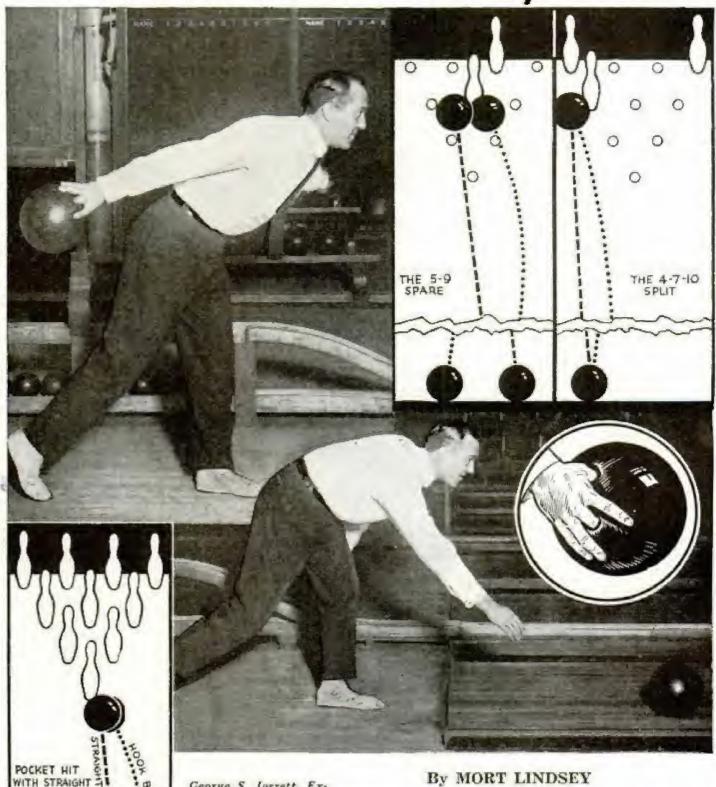
Experts are determining the performance of automobile engines by sounds picked up by a microphone inserted directly into the cylinder head. The noises within an engine, frequently inaudible to the driver, are measured in terms of decibles, which are units of sound. Once these hidden noises are located by the microphone, their causes can be removed to give better performance, longer life, and quieter operation. The experiments with radio equipment are being conducted in the Bohn engineering laboratory,



Listening to Interior Noises of Engine; Microphone Picks Up Sound from Cylinder and Carries It to Engineeris Headphones

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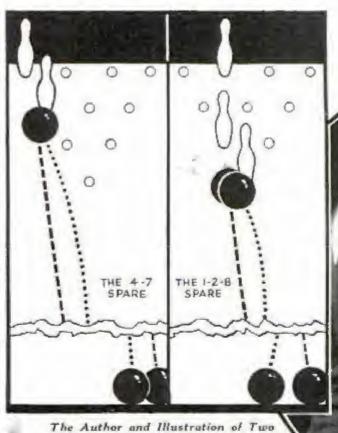
George S. Jarrett, Expert Bowler, Demonstrating the Approach, the Roll and Way to Hold Ball; Above, Right, Two Shots Which Are Difficult with Hook or Straight Ball; Left, Pocket Hit with Straight and with a Hook Ball

THE only difference between the expert bowler and the dub is control. To roll strikes you must get the ball in the pocket, between the one and three pins, and to make spares you must hit the standing pins just right.

The biggest mistake of most beginners is

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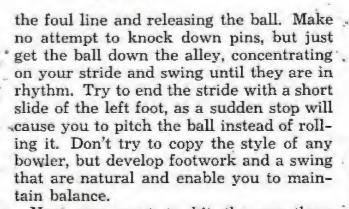
The Author and Illustration of Two Simple Spare Shots with Straight or Hook Ball

in reaching for the crayon too soon. You can see them on any alley. They pick up a ball—almost any ball—send it

down the alley and wait for a lucky roll. The smart beginner forgets about the score until he has learned control. To control the ball, you must have a ball that can be controlled. The holes must be so spaced that the hand need not be stretched unnaturally, and the thumb hold must fit snugly, yet must not hang when the ball is released.

When the proper ball has been selected, lay it aside and develop your footwork. Standing ten or twelve feet back of the foul line, hold your hands in front of you as if carrying the ball and walk slowly forward, three or four steps, swinging the right arm. End the stride on the left foot, with the right foot back, the right arm completing the swing and following through.

Now try it with the ball. Hold the weight in the palm of the left hand, testing the grip with the thumb and third finger of the right hand. Now practice striding to



Next you want to hit the one-three pocket, Most good bowlers pick out a spot near the foul line from which their natural delivery will hit the pocket, and attempt to start the ball as near this spot as possible every time. The true spot bowler picks out a spot and keeps his eyes on it until after the ball has been delivered, when he raises his eyes to watch the pins. Billy Knox, long one of the country's leading

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Latest in Lounges Is This Sled Type, Complete Even to Runners; Book and Magazine Rack at Left Matches the Lounge

LOUNGE BUILT LIKE A SLEIGH IS LATEST IN FURNITURE

Constructed along the lines of a sleigh, the latest lounge is cushioned with a white cord mattress and pillow. It even has runners, curving upward to the head of the lounge, instead of conventional legs. A magazine rack, ornamented with deer, matches the lounge.

SPINNING DISKS SEEN AS SOURCE OF CHEAP ELECTRIC POWER

Electricity generated by huge disks spinning in a vacuum and "piped" long distances along vacuum surrounded rods, thus carrying cheap energy from waterpower developments or coal and oil fields to centers of population, is a possibility Suggested by Dr. Karl T. Compton, chairman of the science advisory board, in a research project recommended to President Roosevelt for federal financing. The 10,000,000-volt electrostatic generator built by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is evidence of the practicability of such a power-producing system and the transmission system proposed is an airless pipe with a rod running through it. Instead of alternating current, the proposed, generators would produce direct current at about 1,000,000 volts. The big disks would be surrounded by vacuum because of the necessity of preventing tremendous

sparks which might wreck the equipment. If this power-production dream is realized, it will be like turning the clock back, in a sense, because the first electrical machines were of the electrostatic type, while modern generators and motors employ the electromagnetic instead of the electrostatic principle.

LATEST IN CITY HOME EMPHASIZED BY LIGHTS

Extensive use of glass is one feature of the construction methods employed in a town house

completed recently in New York. An example of the modern trend, the structure lends itself to unusual treatment in lighting, the resulting brilliancy being impossible to produce in the conventional home. A photograph of the house, illuminated, offers a comparison of the old and new.

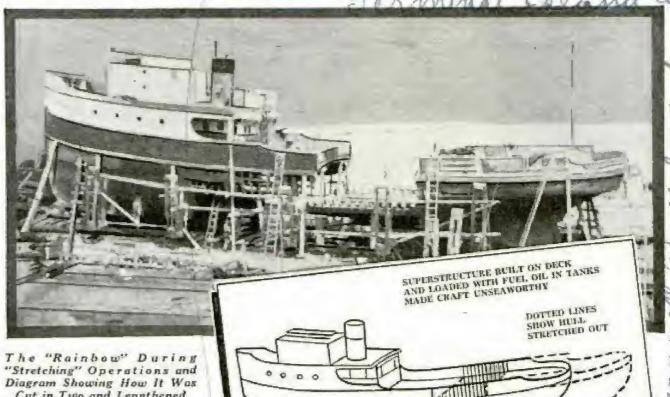


Night View of Town House Shows Effectiveness of New Methods of Illumination

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Tuner - John Boat Is 'Stretched' to Increase Size and Speed



Cut in Two and Lengthened

By "stretching" a ninety-foot fishing clipper, a California boat builder added seventeen feet to its length, increased its cargo space by one-third and added more than twenty per cent to its speed. The

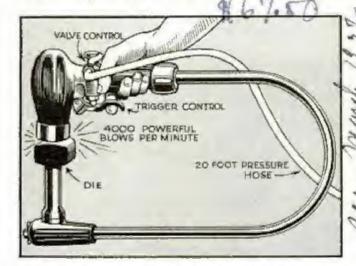
craft, the "Rainbow," capsized after a superstructure had been added to increase her cargo space. After being raised the craft was sawed in two and a new hull balancing to counteract the added weight.

section inserted in the step-like cut amidships. The boat, lengthened to 107 feet, thus was given more buoyancy and better

OWING TO PECULIAR SHAPE OF BUILT, A STEP CUT WAS NECESSARY.
SHADED PORTIONS BUILT IN SHOW STEP CUTTING. INCREASE OF
SPEED 2245.—ONE-THIRD MORE CAPACITY BELOW DECKS.

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Handy Air Pressure Hammer Smooths Out Car Fenders



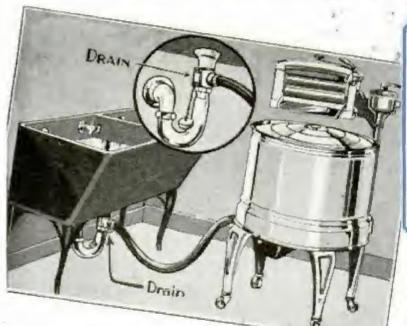
Sketch Shows Controls on New Air Hammer

Dented fenders, hood, doors and other metal surfaces of the automobile can be smoothed out by a handy air pressure hammer that delivers 4,000 regulated strokes per minute. The strokes are pow-Serful enough to smooth out heavy sheet Smetal or gentle enough to handle a metal tire cover. Two arms of the tool fit all the sweeps and curves of the modern auto. Eight assorted dies are furnished for all types of curved, angular and flat surfaces. The hammer is regulated by two controls, a trigger for starting and stopping and a valve governing the air pressure, both of which are hand-operated.





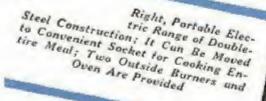
tening and Pressing with Hot Iron; then White Backing Is Peeled Off, Exposing Special Surface That Grips Floor; Bottom, Left, Washing Machine Drain Requires no Water Pressure to Operate; Made of Rustproof Metals, It Can Be Connected in Ten Minutes with Only a Screwdriver



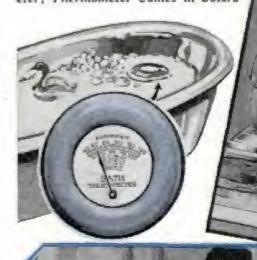


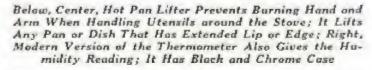
Above, Bread Box That Aids in Slicing: Loaf Is Pushed Against Adjustable Flange on Door and Knife Is Passed Through Guide Slots for Slicing; Meat or Chaose Also Can Be Sliced on This Handy Device

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Below, Thermometer Floats in the Both and Registers Temperature of the Water; Parts Are Made of Non-Rusting Materials; Dial Is Porcelain Enamel, About Two Inches in Diameter; Thermometer Comes in Colors

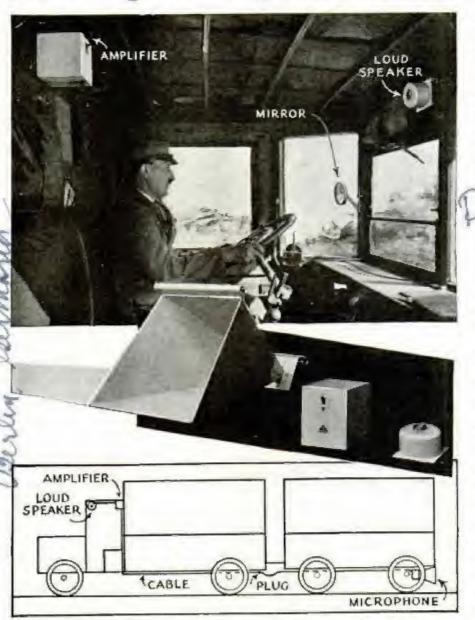






Above, Left, Floor Wax Applicator That Requires no Bending or Stooping; Can of Wax Is Attached to the Device; Wax Is Released in Even Film by Pulling Trigger Ring on Handle; After Using, Pad Can Be Removed and Washed

Auto Signal Amplifier Makes Passing Safer



Equipment in Truck Cab Amplifies Sound of Siren on Car Following; Bottom, Microphone Installation on Truck and Trailer

Increased safety for both vehicles in passing on the road is claimed for a German-made device that amplifies the signal of the car behind and carries it to the cab of truck or motor bus ahead. Electrical current from the starting battery runs a small loud speaker located in the driver's cab. The speaker is connected to a microphone box at the rear of the truck or the rear of the trailer if a two-vehicle train is being operated. The special equipment is necessary only for the commercial vehicles, since the amplifier system will pick up the signal from an ordinary automobile siren 100 feet behind and carry it to the ears of the bus or truck driver. A signaling device with which the commercial driver may reply that he has heard the car driver's siren can be incorporated into the system.

ACCIDENT SQUADS FIX BLAME AND AID VICTIMS

Recently organized accident squads in Berlin not only render first aid on arriving at the scene of an automobile collision but also are equipped to fix responsibility for the accident. This they do by making photographs of the cars involved, taking careful measurements of the relative positions of the automobiles and obtaining the statements of witnesses while all details of an accident are fresh in their minds. The squads were organized in an effort to decrease the number of motor fatalities in the German gapital.



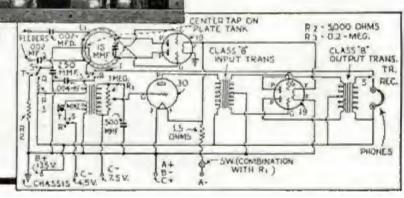
Accident Squad Taking Measurements at Scene of a Collision



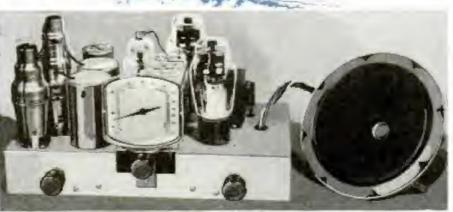
Portable Five-Meter Transceivers

PERHAPS the most interesting piece of amateur radio apparatus is the portable 5-meter transceiver. It gets its name from the fact that it is a combination transmitter and receiver using the same tubes and accessories for both purposes.

Recent improvements in transceiver design have increased their range and portability; the new models are very compact and it is even possible to operate them in moving cars. The portable transceiver illustrated, is available in kit form for home assembly. One type-30 and two type-19 tubes are used in a highly efficient circuit. Two binding posts are provided on the top of the case for the antenna or feeder connections. Excellent results, however, were obtained with the 4-ft. length of aluminum tubing mounted on one of these stand-off insulators. Dry batteries are used for the power supply, one set withstood two months experimental service.



FARM SET



ANTENNA-COIL INTERSTAGE COIL CONNECTIONS

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NO B-eliminator or batteries are required for this 6-tube broadcast receiver which operates directly from any 32-volt lighting plant. There are about 300,000 farm-lighting plants of this description now in use and many of the owners are depending on small batteries, or expensive converters, to operate their radio sets. All parts necessary to assemble the receiver are

available, and the construction details have been simplified so that anyone who can use a soldering iron will have no difficulty

in building it.

The set has excellent volume, tone and range in spite of the fact that only 32 volts of power are required. In fact the performance equals that of many receivers employing the same number of tubes on standard power sources. Some of the outstanding features are: automatic volume control, superheterodyne circuit with tuned r.f. stage, tone control, high-gain r.f. coils, push-pull audio and a new type aeroplane dial. The secret of the unusual efficiency of this set is due to the type-48 output tubes and a specially designed super-sensitive dynamic speaker. An ordinary dynamic or magnetic speaker cannot be used. The entire cost of the parts, including the metal chassis and speaker, is less than \$15.00. Tubes are not included in the estimated cost of the construction parts. The completed receiver may be installed in practically any type of cabinet if there is sufficient room for the 6½-in, dynamic speaker. During tests, the set was used without a cabinet, the speaker being mounted behind a wooden baffle, 24 in. square and 1 in, thick,

Fig. I shows the dimensions of the sheetmetal base for those who wish to make their own. The holes for the wafer-type tube sockets are 1½ in. in diameter; the two larger holes, for the antenna and inWORKS on 32 Volts D.C.

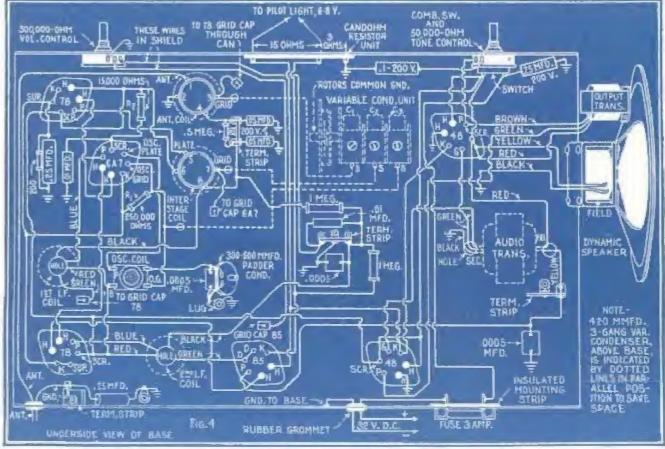
terstage coils, are 1% in. in diameter. The connections for these coils may be easily traced by referring to Figs. 2 and 3. A simplified wiring diagram is given in Fig. 4 and the schematic in Fig. 5.

It will seem odd when examining the diagrams, that positive B is also connected to the heaters of the tubes, however this is absolutely correct. No tube has more than 32 volts on the plate; series



wiring provides the necessary voltage drop for all tube heaters except for the type-48 tubes which operate on the full 32 volts. Ordinary hook-up wire is used for the circuit and a 4-in. length of flexible metal shielding should enclose the leads running to the volume control. This shield must

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All-Wave Super Built with Standard Parts





Above, Front Panel View of All-Wave Super in Operation; Below, Rear View of Completed Chassis

THIS junior model band-spread all-wave a.c. superheterodyne receiver is the result of collective cooperation on the part of a number of the leading engineers in radio, each man a specialist in some particular radio part manufacturer's staff. Any radio experimenter, or student, can build this set in one evening on the kitchen table with a screwdriver, pliers and soldering iron.

The finished design consists of a set of plans, diagrams and a parts list. Although

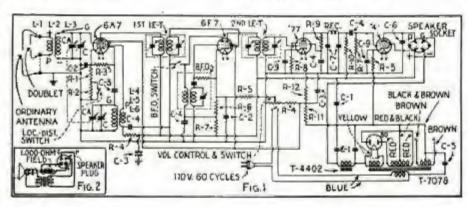
this is not a kit set, the designers have provided a foundation unit which consists of a drilled front and sub-panel available for \$2.25; all the remaining parts may be obtained from radio supply concerns. The experimenter with limited funds can start with the foundation

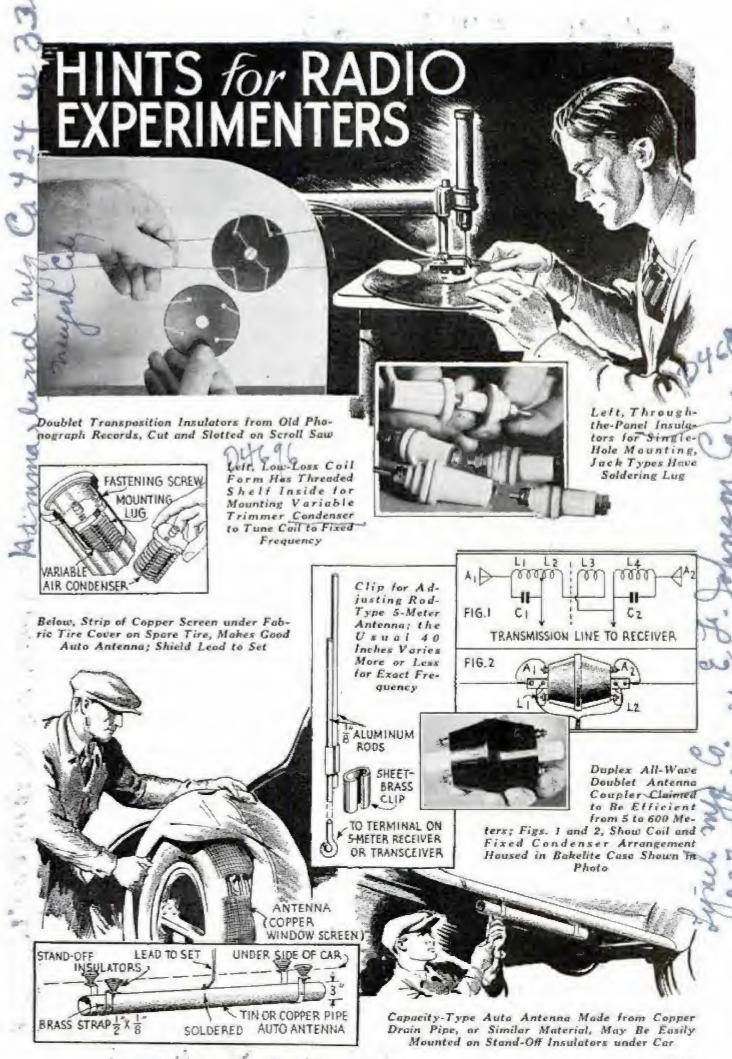
unit and purchase a few parts at a time, thus buying a complete radio receiver on the installment plan, which he assembles at leisure. This slower method often results in better workmanship and a clearer understanding and appreciation of the finished job. World-wide reception is the reward of the careful home constructor; special features not found in sets designed for the general public are built into this all-wave, all-electric receiver.

A complete itemized parts list including further necessary infor-

mation, together with the names and addresses of the various manufacturers, can be obtained from Popular Mechanics radio department upon application without charge. Practically no technical knowledge is necessary to assemble the set as each step is carefully illustrated. The 5-tube superheterodyne circuit is continuously band-spread and employs a type-6A7 tube as a combination oscillator and mixer. A 6F7 pentode-triode tube works as an intermediate-frequency amplifier on a frequency of 370 k.c. The triode part of the 6F7 tube is connected as a beat-frequency oscillator, with a control switch on the front panel, as indicated by the letters B.F.O. in Fig. 1. This enables the operator to locate weak foreign stations quickly. When the switch is turned on, a whistle will be heard whenever a carrier wave is crossed while tuning. Any such carrier may be tuned easily to exact resonance, after which the beat-frequency oscillator can be switched off. A type-77 pentode detector tube is resistance-coupled to a

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Front Panel View of Compact A.C. Short-Wave Receiver Which Employs Regenerative T.R.F. Circuit

Short-Wave Set Is Self Contained

Complete in one unit, this inexpensive regenerative receiver includes a dynamic speaker and a.c. power supply. It tunes from 13 to 200 meters and is housed in a neat metal cabinet. Tested in Popular Mechanics radio laboratory, the following features were noted: good sensitivity and selectivity with exceptionally low background noise on foreign stations. No plugin coils are required and band-spread tuning is provided.

Homemade Wrenches for Special Uses

When small nuts are employed in out of the way places for mounting transformers and other parts, the experimenter often finds that it is difficult to reach them with ordinary wrenches or pliers. Wrenches of

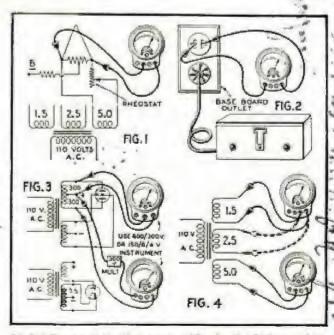


Special Purpose Wrenches Made from Scrap Metal; Handy for Tightening Nuts in Awkward Locations

suitable size and shape may be quickly made from scrap metal. A hole, equaling the diameter of the nut, is drilled near the end of the strip and two straight cuts with a hacksaw complete the tool.

Portable A.C. Voltmeter Simplifies Set Checking

One of the handiest devices available for testing a.c. operated receivers is a small portable a.c. voltmeter of the multi-range variety. These meters are provided with pin tipped 30-in, flexible cables for plug-



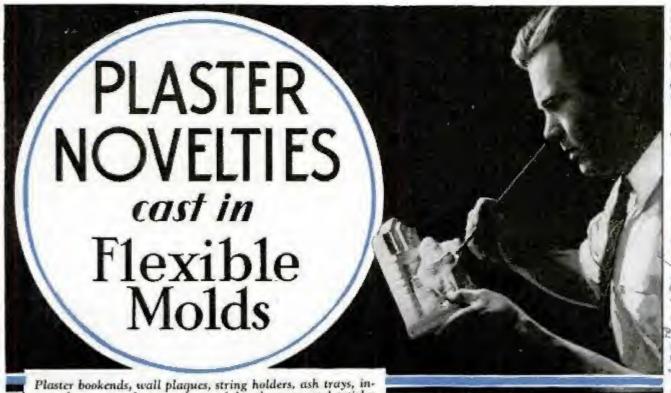
Multi-Range A.C. Voltmeter Checks Both Input Line and Output Voltages

ging into connection jacks on the instrument. Fig. 1 shows the method for adjusting a filament-voltage rheostat for correct tube operation. Line voltage, subject to fluctuation, is checked as indicated in Fig. 2. Radio amateurs and service men measure plate winding output voltages in the manner shown in Fig. 3. Critical filament winding output voltages are accurately measured by merely shifting the test leads as illustrated in Fig. 4. Designed in dual and triple ranges, these voltmeters afford an accurate check of input line voltage and the same instrument can be used for measuring ordinary secondary outputs.

[Blueprints covering radio construction articles in past issues can be obtained for 25 cents each; when material lists are not included in the articles, these are available without charge on receipt of postage.

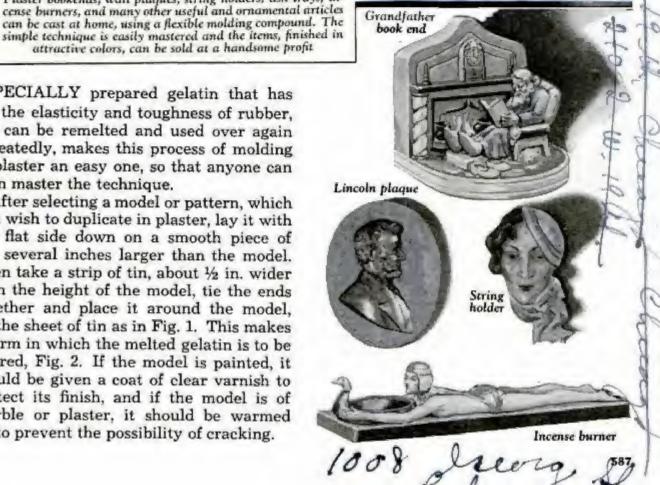
Weston Electional

Sample gelatin mold -25 ants HANICS



CPECIALLY prepared gelatin that has the elasticity and toughness of rubber, yet can be remelted and used over again repeatedly, makes this process of molding in plaster an easy one, so that anyone can soon master the technique.

After selecting a model or pattern, which you wish to duplicate in plaster, lay it with the flat side down on a smooth piece of tin, several inches larger than the model. Then take a strip of tin, about ½ in. wider than the height of the model, tie the ends together and place it around the model, on the sheet of tin as in Fig. 1. This makes a form in which the melted gelatin is to be poured, Fig. 2. If the model is painted, it should be given a coat of clear varnish to protect its finish, and if the model is of marble or plaster, it should be warmed up to prevent the possibility of cracking.



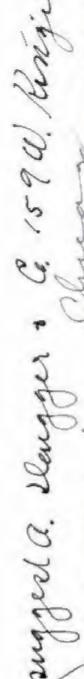




lowed to cool, preferably overnight, in which state it will have a stiff, jelly-like consistency. The cord which holds the side of the form together is cut and the strip is pulled away as in Fig. 3. Removing the model from the bottom is next. Often simple models can be removed without the need of cutting the form, but in the case illustrated, it was necessary to cut the side of the mold at two points, Fig. 5. When doing this, make the cut at a corner of the model so that it will be less noticeable than if it were made over a flat surface.

Greasing the inside surface of the mold with raw linseed oil to prevent plaster from sticking

The mold can be used for molding just as it is, in a room where the temperature is not higher than 50° Fahr. If you do the molding where the temperature is higher than this, the inside surface of the mold must be given two coats of slow drying





thoroughly before applying the second. Then, when the second coat is dry, and you are ready for molding, the inside is greased with raw linseed oil as in Fig. 6, after which the mold is tied together with cord as in Fig. 7. For mixing the molding plaster (No. 1 grade molding plaster, at hardware stores), use a bowl of suitable size to hold the entire mixture, the proportions of which are, 34 cupful of cold water to each cup of plaster. The mixture should be thick and creamy, but thin enough so that it will level itself when poured. After filling the mold level with the top, as in Fig. 8, the excess plaster is scraped off the flat, open side with a strip of tin as indicated in Fig. 9.

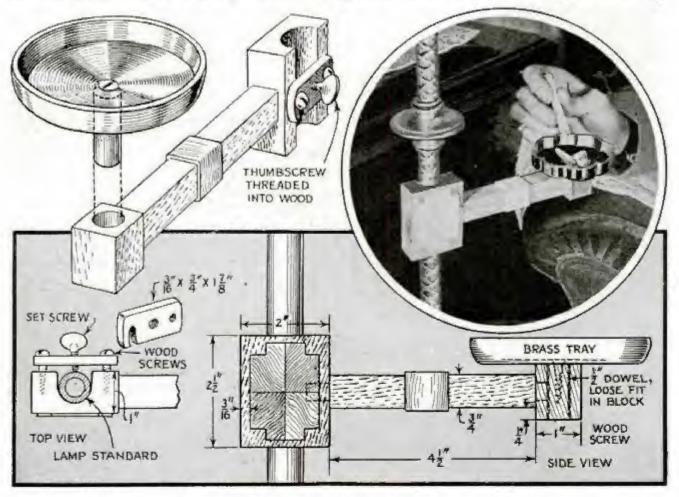
Now allow the plaster to set until it hardens, which will require from 20 to 45 min., depending on the amount and thickness of the mixture. Then remove the casting from mold which will be an easy matter as the latter is flexible. It can be re-greased, and used over and over again for molding as many castings as you desire. The finished castings can be left plain, coated with clear varnish, or they may be attractively painted and then given a coat of good varnish.

Another use to which the gelatin lends itself is the making of flexible stamps for printing lettering and pictures. To make the stamps place two strips of heavy cardboard or thin wood, about ½ in. thick, on a square piece of sheet metal, after which some plaster is poured between them and smoothed down to a uniform thickness with a strip of tin as in Fig. 10. With a stylus, cut in the lettering or pictures, and then pour on some melted gelatin. When this is dry it is peeled off the plaster and glued to a block of wood.

Insulated Wire Used as Model Parts

On an architect's model of a gasoline filling station, which required measuring pumps to complete the assembly, the problem of making realistic hose for the pumps was solved by using red rubber-covered radio wire. This wire is available in many diameters and can be had in several colors, which makes it adaptable to model locomotives and other model jobs. It has the added advantage of being flexible so that it can be bent to permanent, natural curves as required.

Small Ash Tray Clamped to Reading Lamp

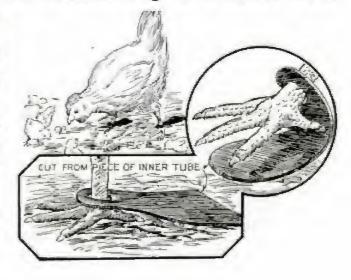


Clamped to the standard of a floor lamp by means of a decorative, wood arm, an ash tray is always at hand when reading in your favorite chair. Besides being adjustable in height, the tray can be moved from one lamp to another one. The arm and clamp may be made inexpensively from some rare wood, or you can use common wood and cover it with fancy veneer. In this case, the arm is mahogany banded in the center with satinwood veneer. The clamp is also mahogany, and is overlaid with a design cut from satinwood. The arm is doweled to the clamp and to a wood block, which is drilled vertically for a dowel. The latter is a loose fit in the block, and is attached to the bottom of the ash tray with a wood screw.

Hobbles Prevent Chickens from Scratching in Flower Bed

When a hen must be turned loose in the yard with her brood of chicks, a piece of inner tube, cut to the shape shown, and slipped over her leg will help prevent her from scratching in flower beds. A hole of a size to fit loosely over the leg is cut in one end of the rubber. If the hen attempts to scratch, the rubber folds under her foot and has a tendency to discourage her from further scratching.

 (A water stain should not be used on soft woods; it is better to use an oil stain or a penetrating spirit stain.



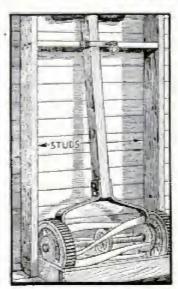


Clamped to a Mixing Bowl, This Device Adds Liquids to Mixtures a Drop at a Time

Homemade Device for Dropping Liquids into Mixtures

Riveted to a spring clamp, a small tin funnel, provided with a petcock in the spout, makes a simple device for adding oils to salad dressings or other mixtures where small amounts of liquids must be added, a drop at a time. The clamp is a piece of spring steel, which is bent at the lower end as shown to grip the edge of a mixing bowl.

Locker between Studs in Garage Holds Lawnmower



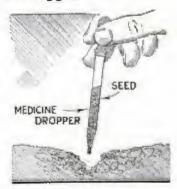
Built between two studs in your garage, this locker provides a good storage place for a lawnmower so that it will not be taken away if the garage doors are left open. A frame of 2 by 4-in. stock between the studs at the bottom extends out sufficiently to accommodate the mower,

while another piece of the same material is

nailed between the studs and notched to take the handle which is held in place with a hasp and padlock.

Sowing Tiny Seeds with Ordinary Medicine Dropper

Small seeds that are difficult to sow by hand may be planted easily with a medicine dropper. The rubber bulb is removed to fill the dropper, after which it is held above the shallow furrow in



which the seeds are to be planted and the bulb squeezed to force out the seeds. If the seeds are unusually small, it may be necessary to decrease the size of the opening in the end of the dropper by heating it over an open flame.—A. S. Wurz, Jr., Rockyford, Alta., Can.

Models Lettered with a Stencil

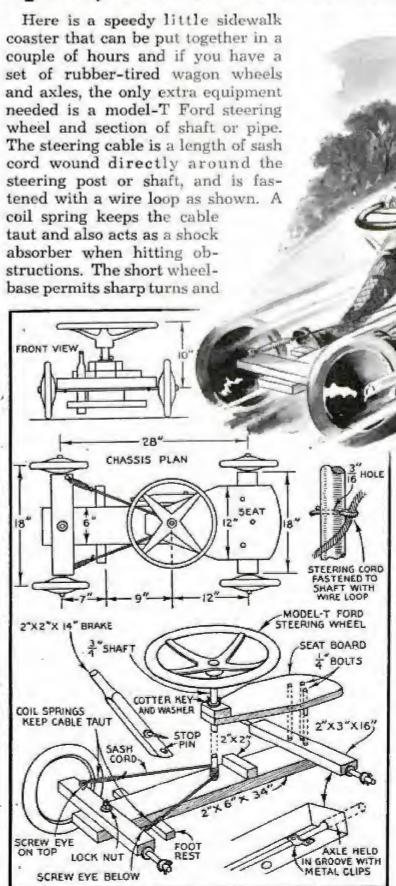
Model makers who have difficulty in lettering their models will find that a stencil made of painters' adhesive or masking tape simplifies the work. It is best to cut



Stencil Made of Masking Tape Aids in Painting Letters or Figures on Models

the stencil on a piece of celluloid, as this permits getting a clean-cut job. The tape sticks tightly to the model so that there is no tendency of the stencil slipping, or of the paint working under the edges.

Speedy Coaster Has an Auto Steering Wheel



the low center of gravity prevents capsizing. The brake acts directly on the sidewalk making it positive and avoiding wear on the tires. It is pivoted to the right side of the main frame with a lag screw. A stop pin on the inside near the lower end, prevents the handle from falling too far forward when not in use.

Nicked Propeller Causes Outboard Motor to Race

Mystifying performance of an outboard motor, which reaches a normal speed, then without warning suddenly races with a slight decrease in the speed of the boat, is often caused by a damaged propeller. This is usually the result of nicking the leading edges of the blades on rocks, which narrows the effective area in such a manner that water follows the blades and assumes a circular or churning motion instead of being driven back toward the rear. This condition causes a partial vacuum to be formed in the area immediately

surrounding the propeller, which allows the motor to speed up. About the only remedy is a new propeller.



Sections of Inner Tube Slipped over the Arms to Protect Them When Pruning Thorny Bushes

Arm Guards for Pruning Hedge

When pruning a hedge or thorny bushes, slip a couple sections of old inner tube over your arms to prevent them from being scratched. Finger holes are made in one end of each section, after which they are fastened to the arms with straps, book straps being suitable for this purpose. A pair of gauntlets should be worn to protect the hands.

Old Razor Blades Rid Garden of Moles

After trying several methods of trapping moles in my garden without much success, I tried inserting old razor blades in their runways, and found that they soon left. I merely pressed down the surface of the runways at intervals, and inserted the blades about 2 in. under the ground with the sides of the blades parallel to the run-



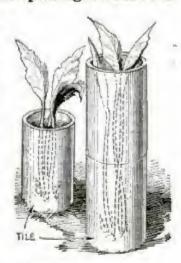
ways. When a mole comes along and finds the runway blocked, he starts digging and cuts his nose on the blades. A few experiences of this kind, soon induce him to seek another feeding ground.

—A. L. Flude, Pacific Grove, Calif.

Tile Placed over Rhubarb Plants Makes Stalks Grow Long and Tender

To grow long, tender stalks of rhubarb, one gardener suggests placing a drain tile

over each plant as soon as it forms a few leaves. Then, when the plant grows sufficiently to bring the leaves above the tile, it is filled with rich loam and a second tile is placed on top of the first one. No dirt need be added to the second tile.



Piece of Garden Hose Used as Stop on Keyhole Saw

Slipped over the blade of a keyhole saw, a piece of garden hose was used by one home owner to limit the stroke of the saw when cutting through a floor to install wires, to avoid any possibility of sawing



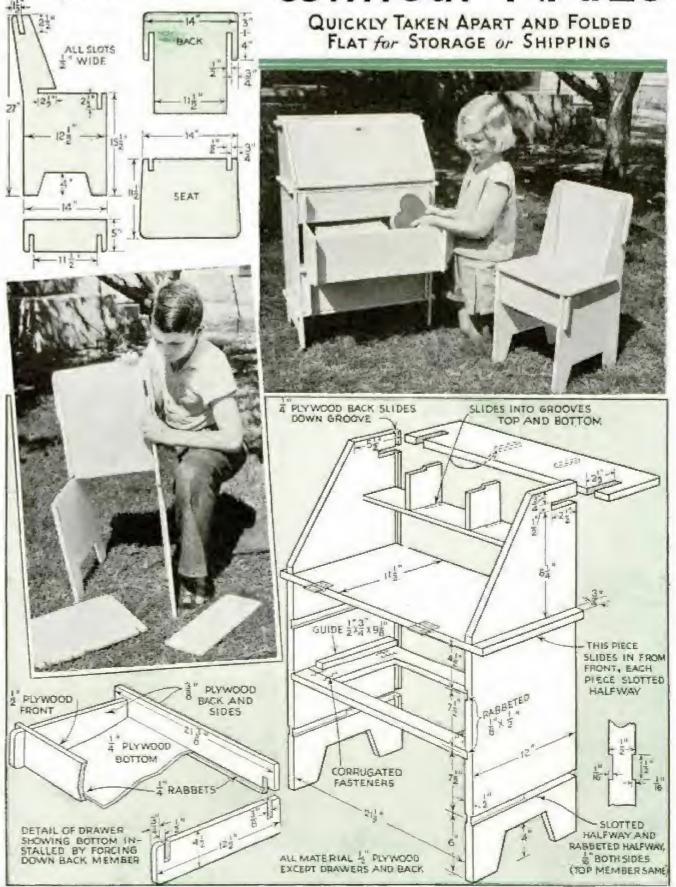
Piece of Garden Hose Slipped over Blade of Keyhole Saw Serves as Stop to Limit Stroke

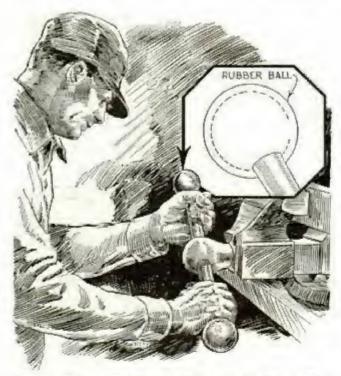
through the ceiling below. The hose also serves as a grip when it is necessary to hold the saw with both hands when cutting through a knot.

FURNITURE Built

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Hollow Rubber Balls Slipped over Ends of Vise Handle to Prevent Pinching Workmen's Hands

Rubber Balls Cushion Vise Handle

To avoid pinching the hands on a vise handle, slip a hollow rubber ball over each end as shown, to serve as a cushion. Holes are cut in the balls so that they can be stretched over the enlarged ends of the handle, a coat of shellac first being applied so that the balls will not slip off.—A. H. Waychoff, Tempe, Ariz.

Improvised Rubber Tray for Acids

If occasional use of acids in experimental work finds you without a rubber con-



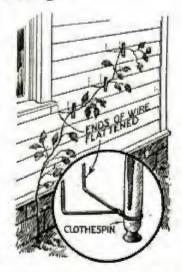
tainer in which to mix them, one can be improvised quickly from a square piece of inner-tube rubber. This is folded at the corners to form a tray, each corner being fastened with a spring-type

clothespin. Tacks, driven through the bottom near each corner, hold the tray in place on a table.

¶A high room will seem lower if a molding is placed around the walls 16 to 24 in. below the ceiling.

Simple Brackets Hold Vines on Side of Building

To avoid driving nails into the side of a building when attaching strings or trellises to support vines, one home owner used brackets as shown. The brackets are made from lengths of stiff wire, which are bent around clothespins, the ends of the wire being bent up at



right angles to slip under the siding boards of the building. By training the vines through the slots of the clothespins, they are held securely in place at a sufficient distance from the building to allow air to circulate around them.

Inexpensive Crack Filler

Cracks in floors, knot and rat holes or old cuts made for wires and pipes may be permanently repaired with a filler made by mixing plaster of paris, 1 lb., precipitated chalk, 6¼ lbs., and yellow dextrine, 1 lb. Before using, enough water is added to the quantity needed to make a stiff dough. This is pressed into the cracks and troweled smooth. If a coarser grade of material is needed, fine sand may be substituted for the chalk.

Paper Clips Lengthen Rubber Bands to Reach around Packages

In an emergency, paper clips will be found handy for connecting small rubber

bands together, so that they will reach around a large package. This method, besides providing a double strand of rubber around the package, is much better than looping the bands to-

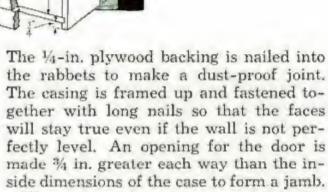


gether, as the small knots formed in this way often tend to cut the rubber.

Built-in KITCHEN

SOAP CASE

BUILT into the wall above the kitchen sink, this little case provides a place where soap, cleaning powder and other dishwashing accessories may be stored. The frame of the case should be made first so that the opening in the wall may be cut to fit it. Fig. 1 gives the dimensions. At each end of the sides, a dado is cut, Fig. 3, to house the top and bottom. Also, 1/4-in, rabbets are cut in the four pieces to house the back. The assembled case is shown in Fig. 2.



The next step is to cut an opening in the wall between two studs for the case. To get the right location, rap on the wall. A hollow sound is produced everywhere except over a stud. Before making the cut, it is a good idea to check from the floor above, and in the basement below to be sure that there are no pipes or other obstructions in the wall. Most sinks have short risers or stubs on the pipes just above the faucets to prevent pounding; so

and lath to hold them in place and they are also toenailed to the sheathing at the back. The case is next inserted into the opening and nailed in place with the front



it will be best to space the bottom of the case at least 6 in, above the sink back. Obviously these directions apply only to a frame building. After laying out the opening on the wall, drill a small hole at one corner and carefully cut out the lath and plaster with a keyhole saw. Short pieces of material the width of the studs, should be slipped into

the opening and forced into place at each side to support the lath, as shown in Fig. 4. Nails are then driven through the plaster



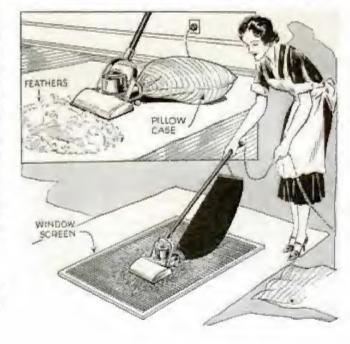
on the rails, and stiles are mortised out to the size of the groove. This method of construction is shown in Fig. 6.

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Feathers in Pillows Are Cleaned with a Vacuum Sweeper

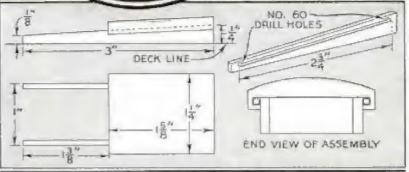
Using a vacuum sweeper, one woman cleans the feathers in her pillows as shown in the lower detail. The feathers are spread out on a sheet laid on the floor, after which a window screen is placed over them. The sweeper is run back and forth over the screen, and draws the dust out of the feathers. After they have been cleaned thoroughly, the screen is carefully removed, the pillow case substituted for the bag on the sweeper, and the feathers picked up. Besides removing all dust from the feathers, this method assures that they will be fluffy when blown into the case.

(When fruit juice is spilled on table linen, sprinkle the spot at once with salt to prevent a permanent stain.



Sliding Hatch Covers Improve Ship Models





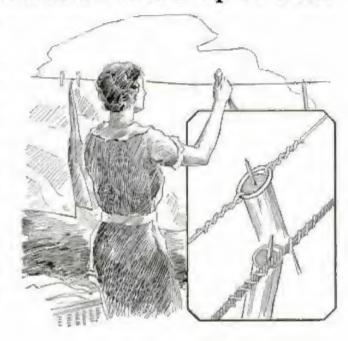
Sliding hatch covers add considerably to the realistic appearance of ship models, although their construction is, of course, more complicated than that of stationary hatch covers. But, with the following method, the job is easy: In this case the cover was made 1¼ in. wide, the slides being spaced 1 in. apart. This leaves 1/8 in. on each side of the cover for grooves to take guide rods on each side of the slides. The rods were made from wire paper clips, which are straightened out and cut to length, a short portion at each end being bent at right angles to fit into tiny holes drilled in the hatch

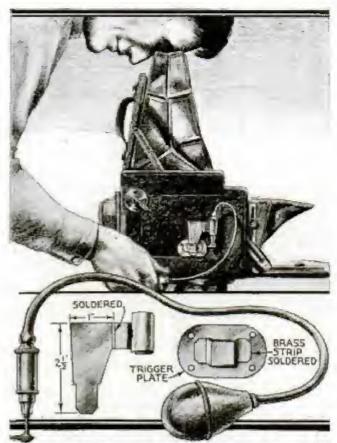
slides. A drop of glue in each hole holds the rods in place. The next step is to glue sides to the cover, after which thin strips about ½2 in. thick are glued to the lower edge of each side to form the grooves for the guide rods. If the cover slides too easily, the rods can be sprung slightly.

Wire Rings or Loops on Clothesline Hold Prop in Place

Your clothesline prop will not slip and allow the washing to trail on the ground if wire rings or loops are attached at intervals along the line as shown. These should be permanently attached to the line and spaced about 10 ft. apart. The upper end of the prop may be tapered to fit into the rings or a hole may be drilled into the end to receive a headless spike or a length of small iron rod, which is then inserted into the rings.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wisconsin.

¶To prevent pictures from slipping so that they hang unevenly, hang them face to the wall, and then twist them around, making a cross in the wire.





Shutter on Graffex Camera Operated by Detachable Bulb Release Held in Place with Brass Bracket

Bulb-Operated Shutter Release for Graflex Camera

Desiring a bulb-operated release for the shutter of my graflex camera, I attached one with a bracket as shown. The bracket is made from two pieces of brass soldered together. One end is bent around the end of the release, while the other end is trimmed to slip into a U-shaped brass strip soldered over the trigger plate on the camera. In this way, the assembly is readily attached or removed, and, when not in use, can be carried in the pocket where it is handy to get at when needed.—George Gilbert, Hollywood, Calif.

Old Phonograph Records Utilized as Rifle Targets



Old phonograph records are being used by amateur riflemen at Rocky Ford, Colo., for targets on their practice range. The center portion of the record is left black to form

a bull's-eye, and the recording part is painted white with a black ring halfway to the edge for the 3 and 4-in. rings. Contrary to expectations, the records will withstand many shots, the bullets leaving clean holes that may be covered with paper stickers to make them invisible.

Wire Loop Supports Flowers

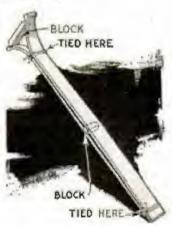
Instead of using unsightly wooden stakes and barrel hoops to support flower bushes, one gardener recommends the support shown. This is merely a length of heavy wire bent at right angles near the ends, which are then inserted into the coil springs of two spring-type clothespins. In use.



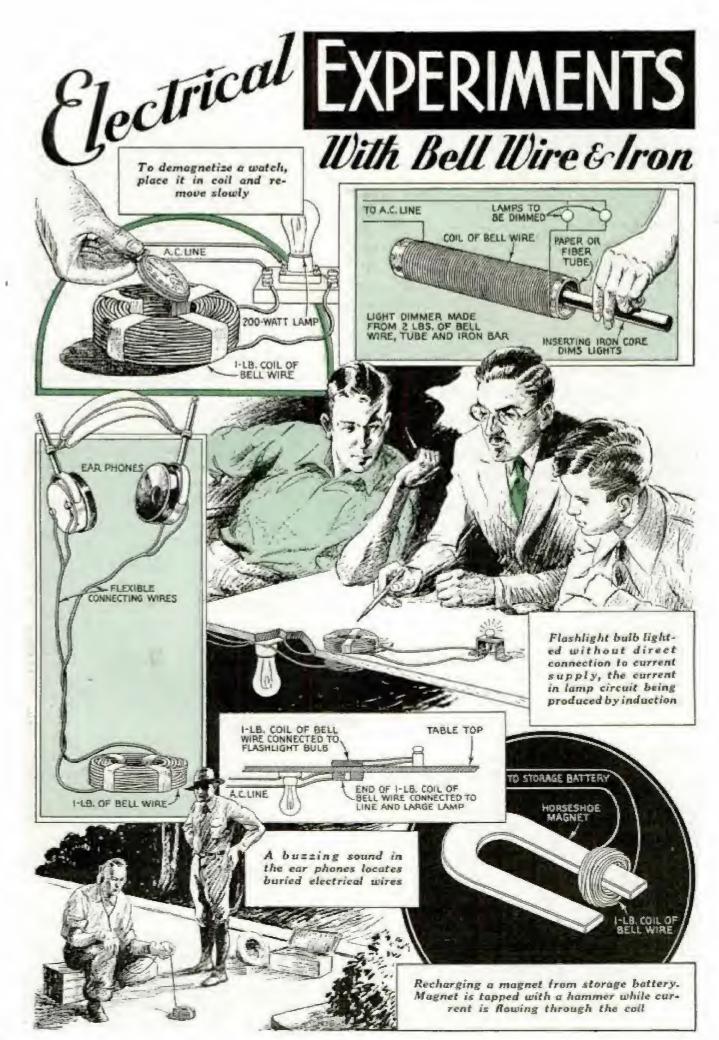
the wire is placed around the flower bush, after which the clothespins are clamped to a ¼-in. rod pointed at one end and driven into the ground. To add to the attractiveness of the support, a bird cut from sheet metal may be soldered to the end of the rod, and painted a bright color.

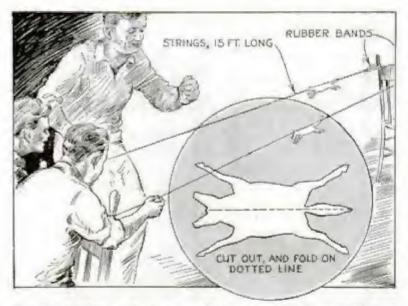
How to Store Skis to Prevent Them from Warping

To assure that your skis will hold their shape when stored during the summer months, one man recommends tying them together with wood blocks between them as shown. A small notch is cut on the under side of each



ski at the front end to take the beveled ends of a short block, a small block 1 in. square being placed between the skis midway from the ends, after which they are tied together with strong cord.





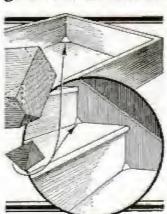
Cardboard Horses Racing over Strings in This Game Will Test Your Skill as a Jockey

Cardboard Horses Race on Strings Stretched between Chairs

Children and adults will find this racehorse game as interesting to play as it is simple to assemble. Two or more strings, provided with rubber bands at one end, are stretched horizontally between a couple of chairs. The horses, cut from a folded piece of cardboard, are placed over the strings near the rubber bands. Each jockey then races his horse by pulling the string toward him and then letting it snap back, thus leaving the horse advanced along the track.

Blocks Prevent Dust Gathering in Corners of Stairs

If small triangular wood blocks are glued into the corners of drawers and stair



steps, cleaning is made easy as dirt cannot collect in the corners where it is difficult to remove. As many blocks as you need are readily obtained by sawing off the corners from pieces of scrap wood.

(Rings that are sometimes left on clothes after they have been cleaned with gasoline will often disappear when steamed over a teakettle.

Cements to Repair Metal Objects

Metal objects may be repaired by using one of the following tested preparations: Marine glue is one of the most effective cements for metal and can be made by mixing shellac with rubber cement. If the latter is not at hand, it may be made by dissolving virgin rubber, (not vulcanized or scrap) 1 part, in benzene, 10 parts. For most purposes, asphaltum may be used in place of or in addition to the shellac. This cement will keep well if tightly corked. If it becomes too thick, benzene may be added as a thinner. Another excellent metal cement that

is also useful for filling cracks is made by adding whiting to water glass until a viscous putty-like paste is formed. It dries very hard and will not deteriorate. When used as a filling material, this cement should be made very thick. It may be colored with almost any dry pigment, and if thickened with whiting, the cement may be used for modeling.

Homemade Spotting Brush

For removing spots and stains from woolens and similar fabrics, a brush may



Brush Made from Rolled Haircloth Removes Spots and Stains from Woolen Fabrics

be made from a scrap of haircloth, which is obtainable from any tailor shop. A strip of the cloth about 3 by 18 in. is rolled compactly, after which the free end is stitched down with heavy thread. Before using, one end of the brush is moistened with water and then rubbed over a cake of soap.

"VANJA"

By GEORGE BARON

PART II—Keel, Deck, Deck Fittings, Sails and Rigging

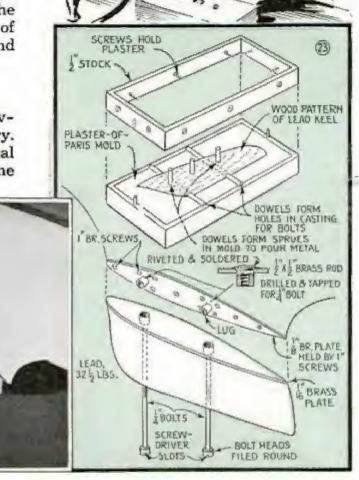
IN the last issue the construction of "Vanja's" hull was described up to the point where all the planking was completed and the molds removed. Before going further, make a cradle to hold the hull. This done, you are ready to make up the wooden pattern for the lead keel.

Making the Pattern for the Lead Keel

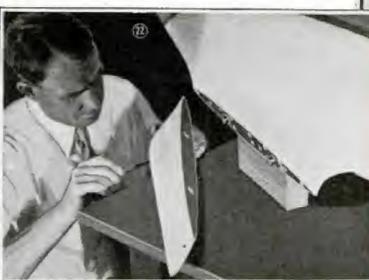
Glue up any number of pieces to the required size. Plane up the top, mark a center line and shape out to fit the hull. Make templates for each station from the body plan. Shape out the profile of the pattern, and mark the center line around the other side. Fasten it upside down onto a board which is marked with a center line and station lines, and cut to shape, using the templates. Plane 1/8 in. off the bottom of the keel, fasten the pattern in place and finish to final contour.

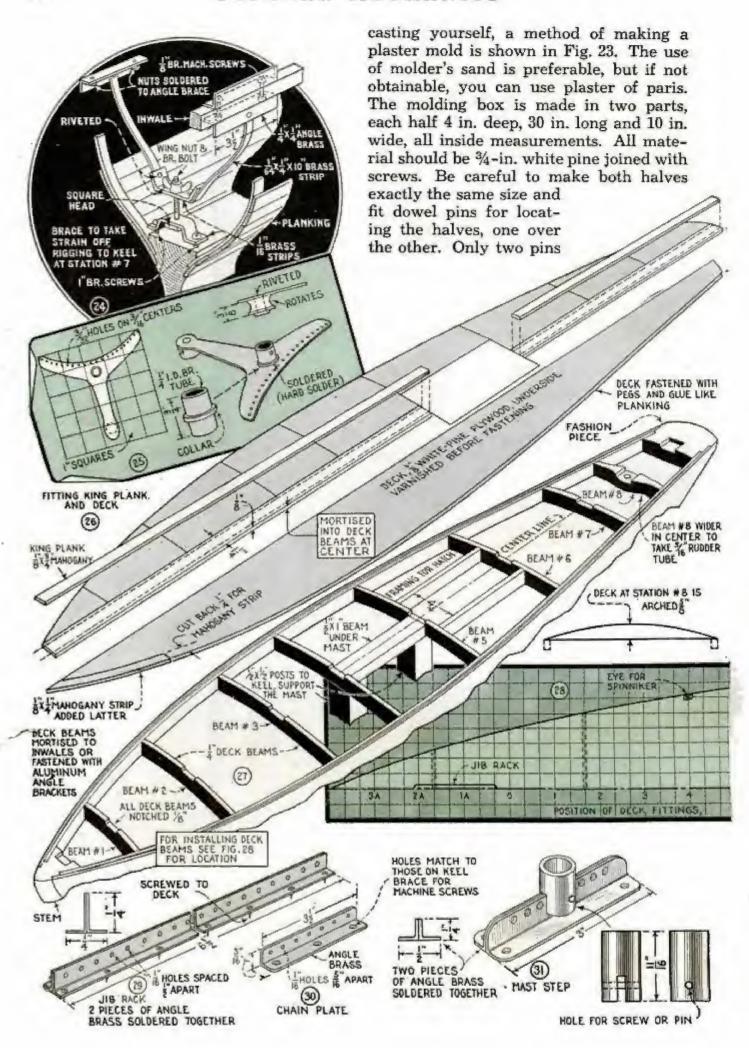
Casting the Lead Keel

You can save considerable time by having the lead casting made in a foundry. This work will be done at a very nominal charge. However, if you wish to make the



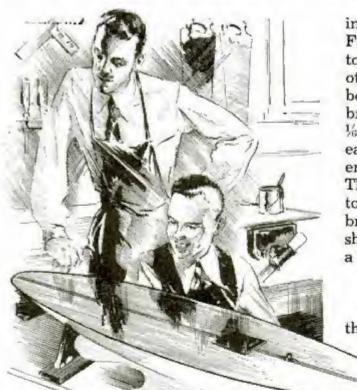
Champion Class-A Model Racing Model Racing





are shown in Fig. 23, but it is better to space four more, two on each side of the lower half of the box. Fig. 23 shows the pattern in place supported on two %-in. dowels which fit in grooves cut in the sides of the box. These dowels are loose in the pattern and are left in the mold to form holes through the lead keel for bolts. The three vertical dowels, one for pouring and two for vents, should project beyond the top edge of the upper box. With this done, fill the lower half of the box very nearly full of plaster, grease the pattern to prevent it from sticking, and bed the pattern in the soft plaster filling in at the sides if necessary. Strike off the excess plaster flush with the top of the box and allow to dry. Then lay a piece of waxed paper over the plaster, cutting the center away to fit closely over the pattern. Set the top half of the box in place and pack with the plaster, striking the top off flush with a straightedge. After the plaster has stiffened, prick a number of holes in the top half of the mold with a piece of wire. Sep-





arate the halves of the box carefully, remove the pattern and place the mold in a warm room to

dry. It is essential that the mold be thoroughly dry before pouring the hot lead as any moisture present when the lead is poured will turn to steam. The steam is not only likely to damage the casting, but it is dangerous. You will need about 40 lbs. of lead, which should be melted at one time in a suitable container over a gas burner. When the casting is finished, a %-in. brass plate is screwed to the keel, and a 1/10-in, brass plate is soldered to the lead. The former is fitted with drilled and tapped bosses which fit into countersunk holes in the lead. Bolts through the latter screw up snugly into the bosses and hold the lead in place as in Fig. 23. The keel bolts are 1/4 in. iron with the square heads rounded and slotted so that the bolts may be tightened with a screwdriver as in Fig. 22.

Chain Plates and Rigging Brace

Next, you make and fit the chain plates holding the rigging and the brace which takes the strain down to the keel. For the chain plates, Fig. 30, you need four pieces of 1/16-in. angle brass, each 3½ in. long. The two pieces for the chain plates, which are on the deck, are filed down to 5/16 by 5/16

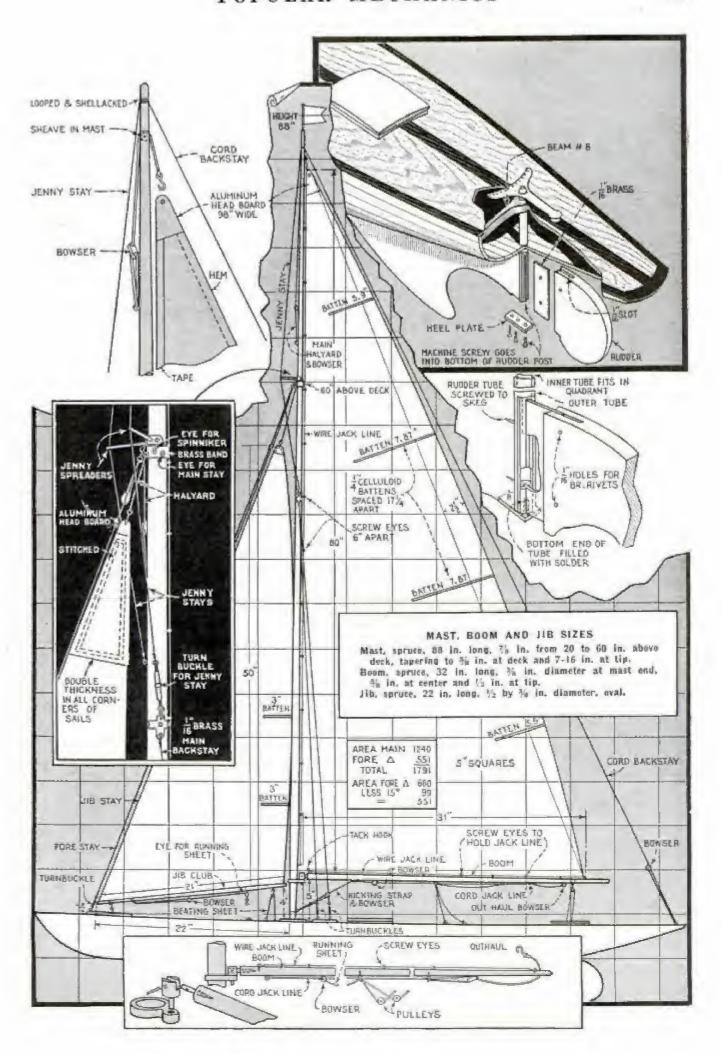
in. All four pieces are then drilled as in Fig. 24 from which you will see that the top piece above the inwale is bolted to another below the inwale with ½-in. brass bolts, the nuts being soldered to the angle brace on the lower side of the inwale. A ½4 by ¼ by 10-in. brass strip is riveted to each angle brace as shown and the lower ends are riveted to a ¼-in. brass strip. The head of a ¼-in. bolt is then fastened to the keel with a similar piece of ½-in. brass bent to allow room for the head as shown. The assembly is drawn tight with a wing nut.

Deck Beams and Deck

After the angles have been fastened to the lower side of the inwales with %-in.

screws, remove the chain plates which later are fitted on the deck. Deck beams can now be put in place, located as in Figs. 27 and 28. The beams should arch to the center of the deck, the camber being % in. at the center. Make the longer beams

first out of 1/4-in, stock. Fasten deck beams to the inwales either by mortising or by means of small aluminum angle brackets. The two beams under the mast are joined by a longitudinal beam 1 in, wide and ½ in. thick, and are further strengthened by two ½ by ½-in. posts extending down to the keel as in Fig. 27. Beams No. 5 and 6 are joined by two lengthwise beams, 21/8 in. from the center line, which form a frame for the hatch, Figs. 27 and 32. Pieces of 1/8-in, mahogany, projecting 1/4 in, above the deck are fastened to the frame to form the hatch coaming. Note that the No. 8 beam forms a support for the rudder post and is widened at the center to give greater strength. Run a batten over the beams and see that it takes an easy curve. Dress down any high places. Then mortise the deck beams 1/8 in. deep and 11/4 in. wide at the center of the deck line and set in two pieces of wood from stem to hatch and from hatch to stern. See Fig. 26. On these lay the king plank of 1/8 by 34-in. mahogany. Before adding the deck, bevel the gunwale to the curve of the deck beams. Also screw a handle to the keel directly under the main hatch for lifting





the model out of the water and carrying it conveniently. A heavy drawer or garagedoor handle will do very well. The deck is made in two halves of 1/8-in., three-ply white pine. Before putting on the deck, apply two coats of spar varnish to the underside. Fit the halves to the curve of the hull, then gauge a line on the curved edges 1/4 in. inward from the edge and cut down to this line. Fasten the decks on with pegs and glue and be careful to mark the position of the beams for the fittings. Finish off with a strip of 1/8 by 1/4-in, mahogany around the edges of the deck. Give the deck three coats of spar varnish, sanding each coat lightly with No. 6-0 wet-or-dry paper, and finish the hull with enamel.

Quadrant, Jib Rack and Mast Step

Rigging details and the fittings are shown in the drawings. The eye plates, Fig. 34, can be made from strip brass, ½6 by ½ in. Draw parallel lines to mark the screw holes and eye holes and mark the width and length for each plate. Drill all holes to fit No. 2 round-head brass screws, eye holes to fit No. 13-gauge brass wire. Countersink the eye holes on the reverse side of the plates and rivet and solder in the U-shaped eyes cut from No. 13-gauge brass wire. Fittings are fastened to the

deck with No. 2 brass screws, ½ in. long. Fig. 25 shows the construction of the quadrant and the manner of attaching it to the rudder post. The quadrant collar should be turned out of solid brass leaving a shoulder to fit against the quadrant. Center-drill the collar to a close fit over the rudder post. To center the rudder, clamp two strips of wood to the skeg and the rudder, center the quadrant and drill the hole for the key pin through both the collar and the rudder post. Any minor adjustment can then be made by moving the forward end of the tension slide, Fig. 33. The construction of the jib rack and the mast step is similar and is shown in Figs. 29 and 31,

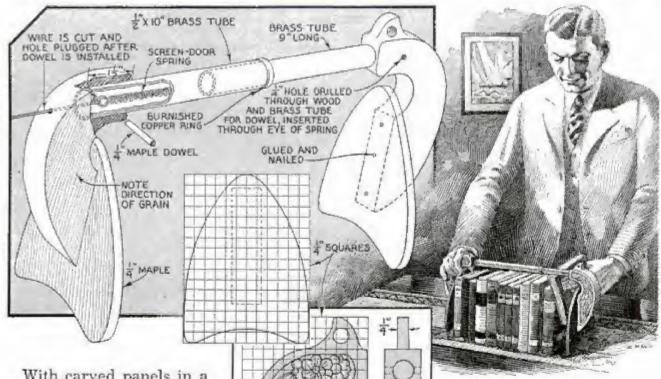
Mast, Booms and Sails

The mast is made of clear selected spruce. Dimensions are given in the rigging detail. Sails are made of light sail cloth, pre-shrunk. The luff, the edge near the mast, of the mainsail, is cut slightly hollow, the curve running into the sail about ¼ in. at the height of the third batten, then back to the straight line. The foot can be made slightly full, a curve about ¼ in. one-third its width from the mast. Tape the luff and the foot with linen tape, folding it over the edge of the sail.

Batten pockets are made of sail cloth to take celluloid battens ¼ in. wide. Angle pieces sewed on the corners and cross-stitched, keep the sail from pulling out of shape. The leech, or aft side of the sails, should be hemmed as narrow as possible. Tape the jib the same as the main sail, the luff to be straight, and the foot about ¼ in. round. Head boards of ¾6-in. aluminum are sewed to the top of both sails. Hooks are sewed to the luff and foot of the mainsail to attach it to spars by means of the wire jack lines. Also sew hooks on the luff of the jib.

Turnbuckles, goosenecks and stays can be purchased cheaply enough to be well worth the saving in time and trouble they take to make. Stainless steel wire is used for all stays and jack lines; linen lines for the running lines and backstay sheets. The mast can be moved forward or aft to trim the sails to the boat but after being measured for class racing, only ½ in. either way is allowed. Raking the mast aft will make the boat point higher into the wind.

Unusual Pair of Book Ends That Telescope



With carved panels in a wild-rose or cherry-blossom motif, and a burnished brass tube across the top, these telescoping book ends make an unusually attractive table piece. The dimensions given will permit the book ends to be extended from 10 to 18 in. It is a good idea to drill the holes in the ends of the

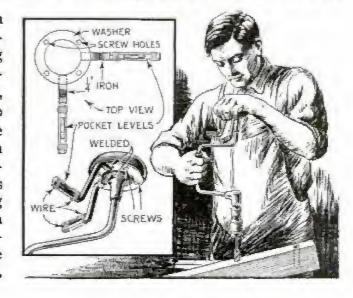
brackets for the brass tubes before cutting them to shape, as the square stock will be easier to handle. The spring inside of the tubes is held by dowels inserted into holes drilled through the brackets and tubing. To install the spring, fasten one end in place, put the telescoping tubes together, and, with a cord or soft wire previously attached to the other eye of the spring, draw it through

the tube in line with the hole in the bracket and insert the second dowel. The wire is then cut off close to the bracket.

Attachment on Brace Helps in Drilling Holes Vertically

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Two small pocket levels attached to a drill-bit brace with iron brackets as indicated, will be found helpful in drilling holes vertically through work. The brackets are welded to a large metal washer, which has first been drilled for screws to attach it to the underside of the brace handle. After the assembly has been screwed to the brace, the levels are fastened to the brackets with fine wire as shown. Besides being an aid in drilling holes vertically, the levels also help when drilling them at a slight angle. If the position of the level bubble is marked on the glass, duplicate holes are drilled accurately.





End of Steel Pipe Heated and Flattened to Make Lightweight Crowbar

Crowbar Made from Steel Pipe

I have found that an efficient crowbar can be made from a length of iron or steel pipe by heating one end to a white heat and then flattening it on an anvil. This welds the end of the pipe together, after which it is bent to shape and then filed or ground to a chisel point. A crowbar of this type has an advantage over the usual solid-iron type in that it is fairly light, yet very strong.—James E. Noble, Toronto, Ont., Can.

Baby Chicks' Feed Pans Improvised from Can Lids

Instead of using wire guards to cover pans of feed and water for baby chicks,

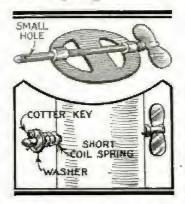


one poultryman employs can lids around which he stretches wide rubber bands cut from an old inner tube. Each piece is serrated along the upper edge as shown. With this method, the contents of the im-

provised pans are readily accessible to the chicks, and there is no possibility of them getting their heads caught in the rubber guards.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

Loose Stovepipe Damper Repaired with Small Coil Spring

When a damper in a stove or furnace pipe loosens so that it will not stay open, slip a short coil spring over the pointed end as shown, and then provide a washer and cotter key to keep it in



place. The spring provides sufficient friction so that the damper will stay in any position without being jarred loose.

Soap for Dry-Cleaning Solutions

An excellent soap that is soluble in naphtha and can be used to add to the effectiveness of dry-cleaning solutions consists of oleic acid (red oil), 10.7 lbs., butyl cellosolve, 2.7 lbs., and dry cleaners' naphtha, 21/2 lbs. This mixture is inflammable and should be heated carefully to a temperature of 140° Fahr, over a water bath. In another container, potassium hydroxide, .85 lbs., is dissolved in water, 1.35 lbs., after which triethanolamine, 1.97 lbs., is stirred into the solution. This is then heated to about 140° Fahr., and stirred vigorously into the first solution. The stirring should be continued leisurely for a half hour, or until a fairly clear solution is obtained. The amount of soap to add to a cleaning solution depends on the use for which the cleaner is intended, and may be determined by experiment.

Spring Handle Holds Small Paint Cans

When doing odd jobs of painting around the home, this paint-can handle, made from spring brass or steel, will prevent getting paint on your hands. A split ring over the handle makes it adjustable.





U. Cana HINGED CLEATS LOCATED TO CLEAR GROSS MEMBERS OF PARALLEL to the small flats as well as the large ones. PARALLEL CENTRAL MEMBER IS SET AT SLIGHT LOCATION OF HINGES ANGLE 36

together by means of a sash cord, which is run over brackets screwed to the side members of the framework. A standard adjustable brace supports each flat, a hook On the upper end being inserted into one of the brackets. A floor screw holds the wower end of the brace to the stage floor. It will be found less expensive to purchase all of the hardware items, which are standard equipment, than to attempt to make them. A convenient brace, which utilizes

PLAN OF PARALLEL

a sandbag to hold it to the floor, is shown in Fig. 8. This brace has an advantage over the standard type in that no screw is used to mar the stage floor. It is adaptable

A BOOK FOR SETTING OUTSIDE DOORS

In addition to flats, the stage setting will require "books," Fig. 3. These are essentially two small flats hinged together and used outside of doorways so that the audience cannot see the bare stage beyond the scenery. Foliage wings, shown in Fig. 5, also have their place in outdoor settings. Windows and doors are so constructed that they can be assembled in place in a few seconds. Details of the windows are shown in Fig. 4. Sash and frame are built in a unit and set in the window opening in the flat. They are held in position by two strap hinges, which are set at an angle on the sides of the frame. When the free end of the hinge is pushed down, it tightens up on the side of the flat. To remove the window, the stage hand has but to raise the two hinge straps and lift out the entire sash and frame in a unit. The doors are installed in a similar manner.

Platforms of various heights are important items of stage equipment and consist of what is known as "parallels" and "lids," Fig. 2. In other words, they are merely a board platform supported by a parallelogram framework, which folds flat. There is, however, quite a trick in making the

CONSTRUCTION

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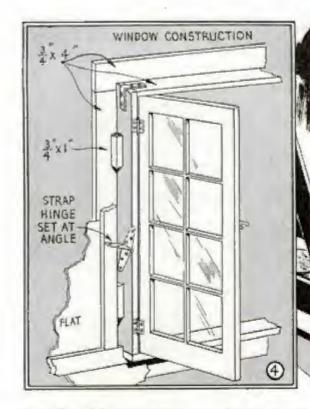
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parallel. The central cross frame must be installed at a slight angle, otherwise it will not fold up easily, and the hinges must be put on exactly as shown in the drawing. The parallels may be made in several heights as the individual case demands. The cleats on the lids, of course, must be located so as to clear the cross members of the parallels. Construction of steps is shown in Fig. 6. A series of these placed around a platform make a very effective rostrum or pulpit stand, and are removed quickly when changing a

scene. Tree trunks, when something more definite than foliage wings is needed, are made up of a series of sections constructed as shown in Fig. 7. Wood strips are nailed to circular wood ends, after which they are covered with cardboard and painted to resemble tree bark.

How to Make Wax Crayons

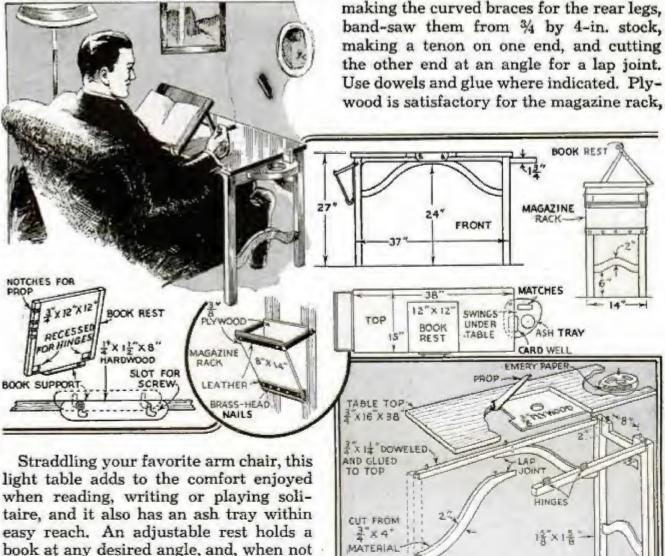
A good grade of wax marking crayons may be made in any desired color by melting together tallow, 90 parts, rosin, 2½ parts and rosin soap, 1 part. While the mixture is molten, the coloring pigment should be stirred in. Almost any dry color may be used, such as prussian blue, red iron oxide or chrome yellow. The colored mixture is then poured into molds, which may be short glass tubes. Wax drawing

crayons may be cast from a composition made by melting together hard castile soap, 8 parts, beeswax crude, 6 parts, and crude spermaceti wax, 2¾ parts. While hot, carbon black, 1½ parts, burnt umber, ½ part and prussian blue, ½ part, all by weight, are added and worked into the waxes until an even consistency is produced. The finished material is then poured into hot molds and cooled quickly by plunging into cold water.

SECTION

TRUNK

A Reading Stand that Straddles Your Chair



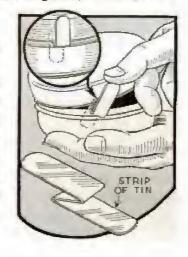
in use, folds in a recess, flush with the table top. The recess is formed by sawing out a portion of the top and screwing a piece of plywood underneath, a hole being drilled in the plywood to permit insertion of the finger to raise the rest. Although not shown in the drawing, the plywood is screwed to wood strips on the underside of the table top to provide space for a ½-in, prop to fold under the book rest. The pivoted end, of course, must be rounded, and the prop must be shorter than the height of the rest. At the left end of the table is a magazine rack, and at the other end is a swinging shelf containing a card well, ash tray and a match box. The table top consists of two 8-in, boards glued together, sawed and trimmed to size. The legs are made in pairs, with cross members mortised and glued, the top cross member at the right end having a section cut away to receive the swinging shelf. In

which is supported by leather straps so that it will close up.

Tin Strip Opens Paste Boxes

Flat tin boxes containing paste or salve, unless provided with a patent clamp, are

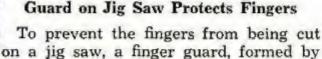
sometimes difficult to open. If a strip of tin is bent as shown, and then inserted in one side of the can before replacing the cover, the projecting end of the strip will, when pushed to one side, serve to lift the cover instantly.



Splicer and Rewinder , for Movie Film

Two small benchgrinder heads, which are mounted on a wood base, are the essential parts of this simple home-movie splicer and rewinder. The splicer is one that comes with regular cementing) kits and is mounted in the center of the base, the only addition being two hinged weights to hold down the ends of the film. These are small blocks of lead screwed to brass hinges, which are in turn screwed to the splicer. A Small electric lamp

mounted on the base to project above the splicer, illuminates the work when making a splice. To prevent tipping, small lead or iron bars, with felt glued on the lower sides, are screwed to the underside of the base. Painting the latter white facilitates locating the right place to make a splice.





cutting off the looped end of a wire paper clip, can be attached to the saw guide with liquid solder. The surfaces of the clip and guide should be roughened with a file before applying the solder.

Efficient Disinfectant and Deodorizer

An inexpensive preparation having disinfecting and deodorizing properties may be made by mixing to an even consistency red oil, (oleic acid) 6 lbs., triethanolamine, 3 lb., and pine oil, 30 lbs. To this soapy mixture, slowly stir in water, 5 gal., after which 60 lbs. more of the pine oil is added while continuing to stir. When this is evenly mixed into a milky solution, add



Combining a Rewinder and Splicer for Home-Movie Film, This Homemade Apparatus Has Features That Make It Exceptionally Suitable

water, 7½ gal., and again stir until evenly mixed. For use, the concentrated solution is diluted with water in the proportions of 1 part of water to 15 or 20 parts of the solution. The diluted solution has a refreshing odor of pine.

Diffusing Light of Photoflood Lamps

Home photographers will find that the appearance of their work can often be improved greatly if the photoflood or photoflash lamps are equipped with reflectors, and a good diffusing material to soften and spread out the light. The new Cellophane cloth, which can be obtained at

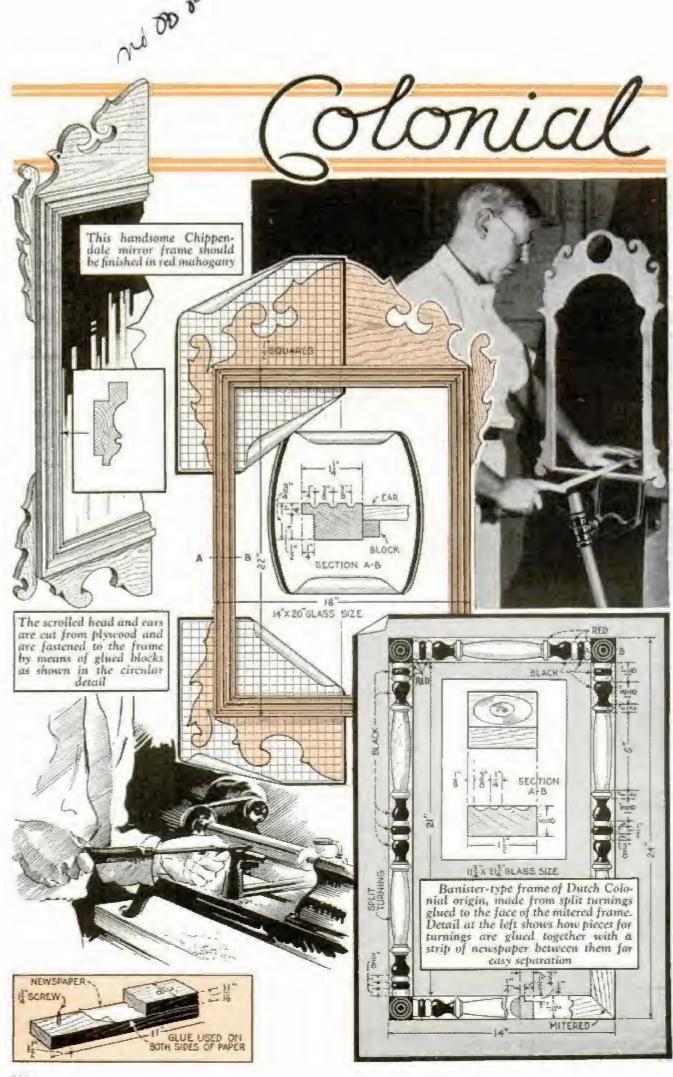
most department stores, has been found an ideal material for this purpose. The cloth is made in a basket weave, and while not transparent, it is very translucent, so that the exposure need not be changed from that used when the light is

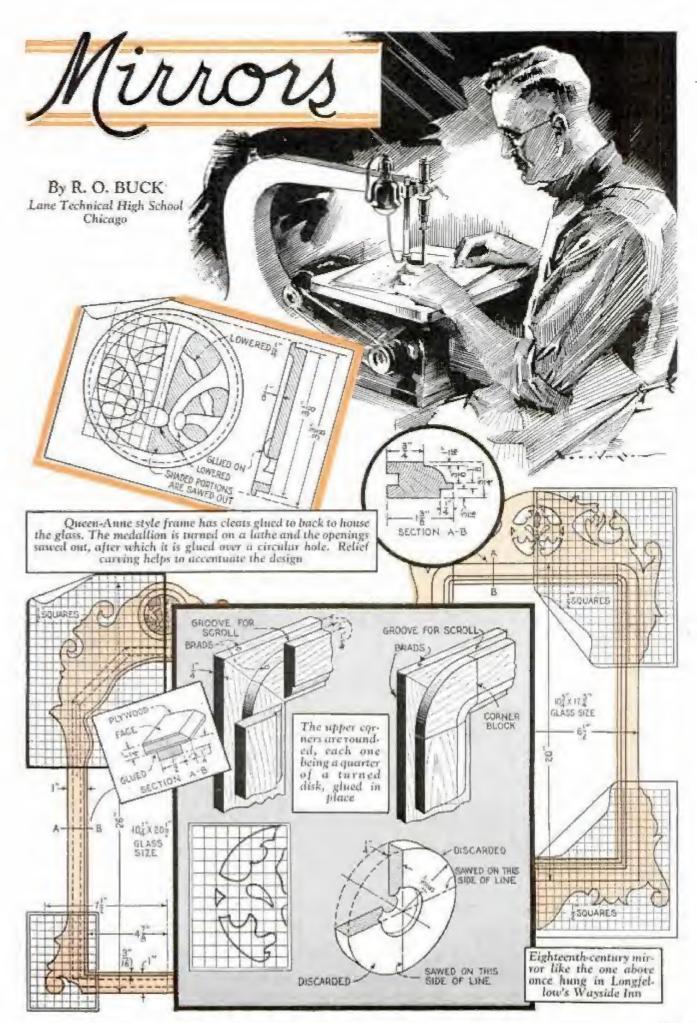


not diffused. The Cellophane is easily attached to the lamps with spring paper clips.

¶Iodine stains can usually be removed by soaking the fabric in milk and occasionally rubbing the spot.

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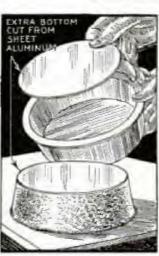


Ship-Model Anchor Cables Made of Brass Wire Drape More Naturally Than When Cord Is Used

Realistic Anchor Cables for Ship Models Made of Wire

Models of ancient sailing ships, which often require cable instead of chain, will drape more naturally if made of soft brass wire, which is better than cord. To make the cable, use wire of a size equal to one strand of the finished cable and twist several strands together. This is best done with a hand drill as shown, fastening the wire strands to the drill chuck and to a screw eye or bent nail. A coat of black or dark brown paint completes the cables.

False Bottom in Baking Pan Prevents Cake from Sticking

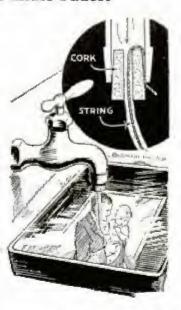


One woman who has experienced difficulty by having cakes stick to the bottom of deep baking pans, solved the problem by placing an aluminum disk on the bottom of the pan. The disk fits inside the pan, and is greased before pouring the cake batter. When the

cake is baked, it is turned upside down and the pan lifted off, after which the disk, or false bottom, is removed from the cake by running a table knife under it, taking care not to damage the cake.

Preventing Splash When Washing Photo Prints under Faucet

Instead of letting water from a faucet splash on photo prints to wash them, it is better to put a string and a cork in the faucet as shown. In this way, the water follows the string, and not only can it be "led" to some extent, but spattering is prevented. The small compact stream of



water also serves to keep the water in the washing pan in constant circulation.

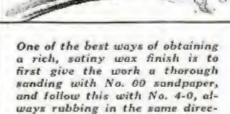
Buffers of Sash Cord Protect Canvas Covering on Canoe

Kayaks and lightweight canoes built of canvas stretched over a light framework with widely separated slats, can be made durable by putting sash-cord buffers on the outside directly over each horizontal slat. A number of such protecting cords on the bottom will prevent holes from being worn through the canvas when dragging the boat over a dock or beach.



Sash Cord Attached to Sides and Bottom of Canoe Protects Canuas Covering against Wear



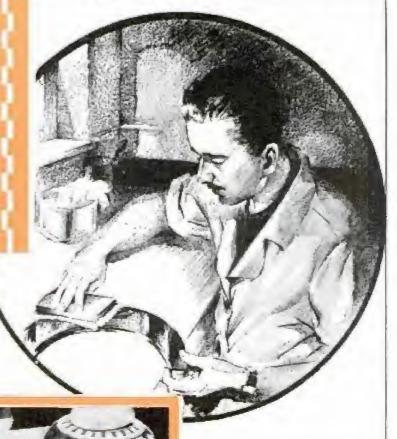


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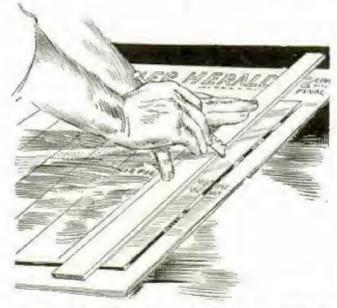


Second. The filler, which has been colored with a stain, is applied across the grain with a brush, and then allowed to stand 15 min., after which the surplus is wiped off with a cloth

On the right is shown a sample of the finished work, which, in this case, is a wooden bag handle. This particular job is of gumwood, or Southern California eucalyptus. Wax finish is applicable to practically only wood, which may be stained in mahogany, natural wood, weathered oak, cherry or other tones of your choice



Third. After the stained work has stood for 24 hrs., use a good grade of wax, which, like the filter, is applied across the grain, allowed to stand from 3 to 24 hrs., and wiped off. The work is then polished, a shoe brush being effective for this purpose



Heading and Column Lines of Newspaper Used as Guide Lines in Cutting Window Panes so That Edges Are True

Column Lines on Newspaper Aid in Cutting Glass

To aid in cutting small panes of glass, lay it over a sheet of newspaper so that the top edge is parallel with the heading line. Then cut the glass in the regular way, holding a straightedge parallel with a column line. Repeat this procedure for each cut made in the glass, and the edges of the pane will be perfectly true.

Cold Tea Fertilizes House Ferns

One woman who had unusual success in growing potted ferns, declares that the only attention given the plants is to pour cold tea over them every few days. The tea is not measured, but may be that which is left over from a meal.

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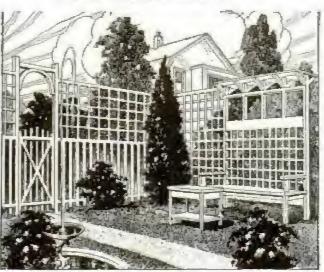
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by building trellises, arbors and arched gateways. Or, perhaps you want a substantial, wooden lawn chair. And, there is nothing like an ornamental wood fence to improve the appearance of your backyard. Also, decorative window shutters are an appropriate addition to a home surrounded by a well landscaped garden. Popular Mechanics' collection of blueprints will give you many practical ideas along these lines.

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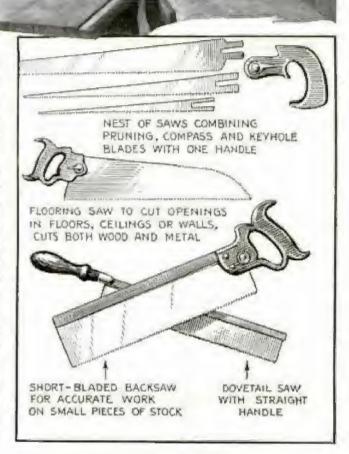


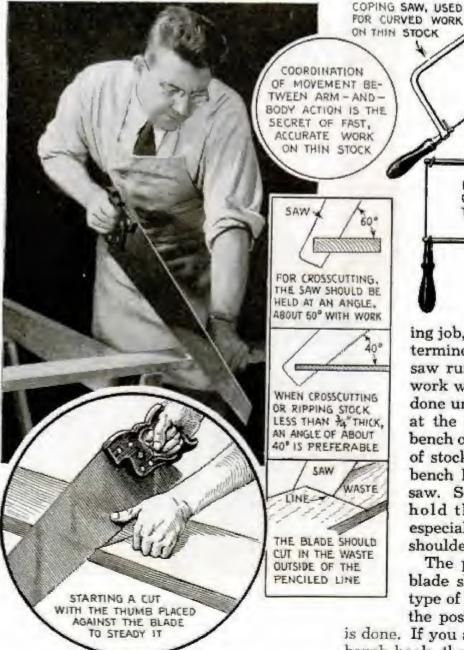
Using Your HANDSAWS



CLEAN, accurate work with your handsaw is largely a matter of proper handling and selection of the tool best adapted to the work at hand. As an example, a saw with teeth filed for crosscutting should not be used for rip-

ping cuts lengthwise of the grain. It is essential that the teeth be filed and set for the purpose for which the saw is intended. Also, the manner in which the saw is held and started into the work determines, to a certain extent, how much or how little you are able to accomplish with it. When using either a rip or a crosscut saw, the work of moving the blade through the wood is not done with arm action alone. but by an easy swing of both body and arm. This coordination of movement is the secret of fast, accurate work. Your eye should always be in line with the blade when starting the cut, for only in this way can the angle of the blade with the work be gauged accurately. Start the saw by steadying it with the thumb, which is rested against the side of the blade. Light, short strokes will start the teeth cutting. Properly starting the blade will avoid the necessity of twisting it to hold the gauge





line. This is especially necessary if you are using a saw with a very light set.

Your work should always be laid out so that the saw teeth cut outside the penciled gauge lines with the teeth on one side just cutting the edge of the line. To produce smooth work with a minimum of effort, it is essential that the saw be held at the proper angle with the wood. Ordinarily, this angle should be approximately 60° with the work. However, if you are crosscutting or ripping soft wood less than 3/4 in, thick, the saw will cut much smoother when held at an angle of 40°. The greater the number of teeth in contact with the wood, the less the necessary angle with the vertical, assuming that the work is in a horizontal position. On any special sawing job, a few trial strokes will determine the angle at which the saw runs the best. Accurate line work with the handsaw cannot be done unless the work is supported at the proper height on a solid bench or table. Small, short pieces of stock are best handled in a bench hook, using a short backsaw. Sometimes it is handier to hold the work in a bench vise, especially when sawing down shoulder and cheek cuts of tenons.

FRET SAW, FOR INTRICATE, CURVED WORK ON VERY

THIN STOCK

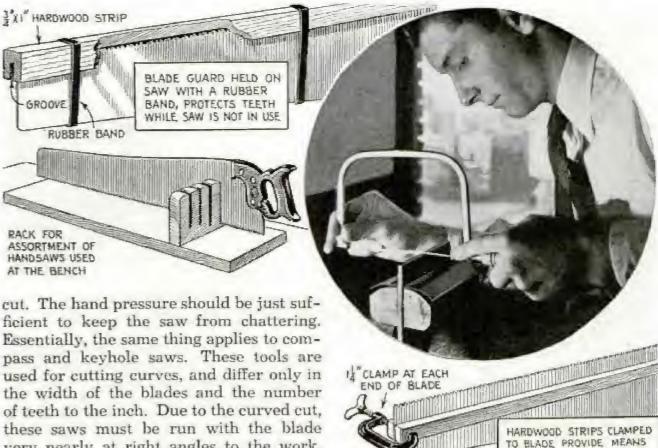
BRACKET SAW.

LARGE FRAME

GIVES IT GREATER CAPACITY THAN A COPING SAW

The pressure applied to a saw blade should be governed by the type of saw, the kind of work, and the position in which the sawing

is done. If you are cutting light stock in a bench hook, the weight of the backsaw is sufficient. As the saw moves forward, the direction of the movement, and the manner of holding the tool adds a certain amount of pressure aside from the weight of the saw. If the blade is properly sharpened it will require very little pressure of the hand to make it cut fast and smooth in any kind of wood. The strokes should always be straight and uniform. Rocking the blade and increasing the pressure just before reaching the end of the downward stroke will cause inaccurate work. The trick in making a true cut across the grain in hard or soft wood is using either a finetooth panel or backsaw, and holding the blade at an angle of about 30° with the horizontal. In this position, a greater length of the blade is kept in the wood, and aids materially in making an accurate



very nearly at right angles to the work, and the pressure must be very light. When cutting circles of short radius, it is possible to use only the forward half of the blade with a correspondingly shorter stroke to prevent binding. Compass and keyhole saws may be purchased separately or as a "nest of saws." For cutting out sections of floors, ceilings or partitions, a flooring saw is generally used. With this tool you use the curved edge of the blade to start the cut on the line. Then the blade is turned over and the straight side used to finish to a corner, after which the procedure is repeated. The dovetail saw is used only for very fine, light work and is furnished with a straight handle, and a curved or offset handle for working on flat surfaces. Fitted with a depth gauge made from two strips clamped to the blade, the dovetail saw and the short backsaw can be used in making accurate depth cuts. Scrollwork, requiring short-radius curves on thin stock, can be cut easily with any one of several types of hand scroll saws. Bracket and coping saws differ only in the size of the frame opening, and, with the proper blades, may be used for cutting wood or sheet metal. The fret-saw frame is made especially for the very fine blades used in intricate work on thin plywood.

The important thing in using a miter

box is a straight, uniform stroke of the long backsaw, which is used in this device. A miter-box saw is not designed for fast cutting, hence it should not be crowded in an effort to speed up the work. If the blade is properly filed and set no hand pressure is necessary. If you use handsaws exclusively at a bench, a few minutes time spent in making the bench rack shown, will save time in the frequent filing necessary to keep saws in condition if they are dropped carelessly on the bench top each time they are used. When saws are carried about in a portable tool box, a grooved blade guard will protect the teeth from damage. If saws must be stored for some time coat the blades with furniture wax to prevent rust.

OF GAUGING DEPTH OF CUT

Blackboard Eraser Used as Dry Window Cleaner

When cleaning windows with ordinary commercial preparations, which leave a dry abrasive powder on the glass, one may finish the task much easier and more effectively if the powder is removed with a blackboard eraser. The eraser wipes evenly and is easy to get into corners.

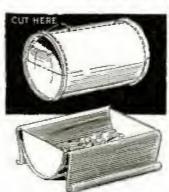


Embossed Book Covers Offer Varied Designs, Which May Be Utilized in Shading Mimeograph Stencils

Book Covers Utilized in Shading Mimeograph Stencils

Appearance of decorative mimeographed work is greatly improved by stippling or shading white spaces of line drawings, borders and open lettering on the stencil. Effects simulating engraving, half-tones, crosshatching, etc., may be had by placing the stencil over an embossed book cover and rubbing the surface of the portion to be shaded with a shading stylus or blunt-pointed lead pencil. Close inspection will show many variations in book covers, which can be copied on the stencil to obtain attractive shading effects.

Neat Trays from Tin Cans to Hold Small Parts



If only half of the tops are cut away when opening tin cans, they can be easily made into trays for small parts. Take the empty can, cut out half of the bottom and slit the side. Then bend

down the sides and turn over the edges as shown in the lower detail.

Sawdust Pockets Serve as Knee Pads for Carpenters

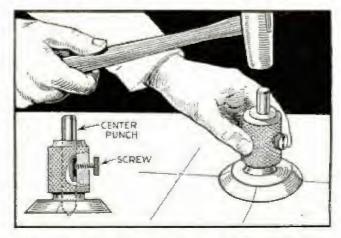
Filled with sawdust, a couple of pockets, made of denim and sewed to the knee por-

tions of overalls, were used by a carpenter when working in a kneeling position on roofs and floors. Flaps, buttoned to the sides of the pockets, prevent the sawdust from spilling out.



Tool for Center-Punching Work

Turned from a piece of cold-rolled steel, this tool is used by a machinist to aid in getting a center-punch mark at the exact intersection of two lines scribed 90° apart on the work. After the tool has been finished, four guide lines are marked exactly 90° apart on the beveled portion, and a hole is drilled lengthwise through the center to take the punch. It is important that



This Tool Is Handy to Accurately Center-Punch Work at the Intersection of Two Scribed Lines

the guide lines be scribed exactly central with the hole. This can be done accurately with the tool held between centers of an indexing head. The screw in the side of the tool is tightened to prevent the punch from dropping out when not in use.—Charles Kugler, Philadelphia, Pa.

Tender for Vegetable Truck Increases Sales



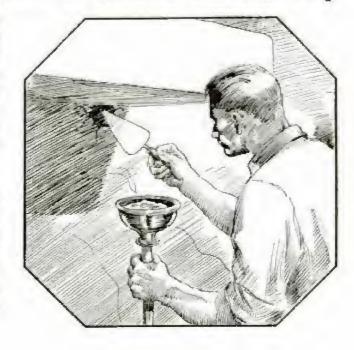
Realizing that housewives are more likely to buy fruits and vegetables if they can see them, one vendor constructed a small, rubber-tired pushcart, which he used as a tender to carry a display of his produce from the motor truck to the doors of his customers. The pushcart, when not in use, slides into a compartment built under the

body of the motor truck, and consists of a shallow box fitted with one large wheel, which is mounted on the underside slightly forward of the center, and two small ones at the rear end. A U-shaped handle, made from an iron rod and bolted to the cart at an angle, permits the latter to be pushed wheelbarrow-fashion.

Small Amounts of Plaster Mixed in Rubber Vacuum Cup

Plumbers and electricians will find a rubber vacuum cup a handy container in which to mix small amounts of plaster of paris for patching walls and ceilings. The cup can be bent or even turned inside out to crack loose the dried plaster after a job has been finished. They are convenient to handle and will make a useful addition to your tool kit.

■Instead of discarding sand points, used in driven wells, after they have become corroded, farmers will find that they can be cleaned with a stiff wire brush and kerosene, and used again. The points may be cleaned several times before they have to be discarded, depending, of course, on the amount of corrosion.



POPULAR MECHANICS

Photos Held in Folders with Dry Mounting Tissue

I have found that dry mounting tissue is better and more economical for fastening photos in folders than glue or cement, as it does not dry out and allow the photos

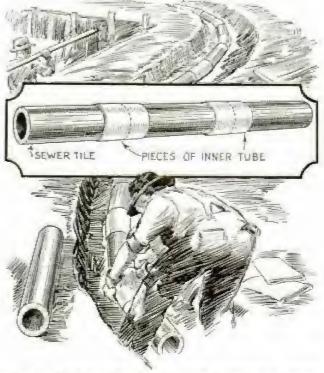
to loosen. To use the tissue, lay a strip under the photo where you would ordinarily use cement. Then place a piece of blotting paper



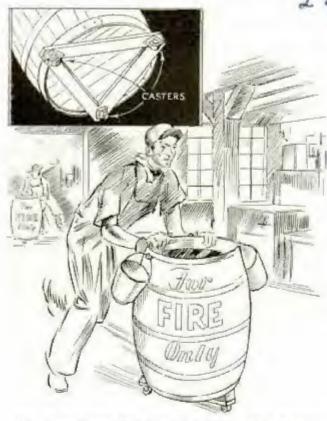
over the photo and press it with a hot iron to melt the tissue.—T. Perpoli, Chicago,

Tile in Temporary Sewer Joined with Old Inner Tubes

On a job of altering a building where a temporary sewer was needed, the contractor, instead of laying the sewer tile in cement, joined them with 12-in. sections of old inner tubes. The sewer, which was laid in a shallow trench, was in use about 30 days and was still in good condition when it was removed. The cost of laying and removing the sewer was only a fraction of what it would have been if the tile had been laid in cement, and it was much easier to take up.



Time and Labor Saved in Laying Temporary Sewer by Joining the Tile with Sections of Inner Tubes



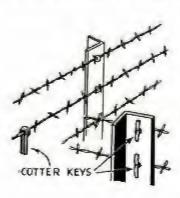
Set on a Frame Fitted with Casters, Fire Barrels Are Readily Pushed to Any Part of a Building

Fire Barrels Fitted with Casters

In one large warehouse, the fire barrels are mounted on hardwood frames fitted with heavy trunk casters so that in case of fire, the workmen can quickly push the barrels to any part of the building. It has been found that this method enables the men to get a volume of water to the fire much quicker than when the water has to be carried in buckets. Four casters on a rectangular frame give better support than three casters on a triangular frame.

Cotter Keys Hold Fence Wire on Steel Posts

For fastening fencing to angle-iron posts, it has been found that cotter keys are much better than short tie wires, which



are often used for this purpose. The keys are spread and slipped over the fence wires, after which they are inserted into the holes in the posts. The keys are then clinched tightly as shown.



Reground without Annealing

by Fred B. Jacobs

WHILE milling cutters, of carbon steel, were reground by first annealing them and then recutting the teeth, the use of high-speed steel cutters has made it advisable to regrind them without annealing, as this process often ruins the cutters. The following grinding process, which is used successfully in many large manufacturing plants, reflects the best practice, and can be carried out by any machinist who understands the operation of cuttergrinding machines. The principle of regrinding the teeth is shown in the detail at the right, a grinding wheel

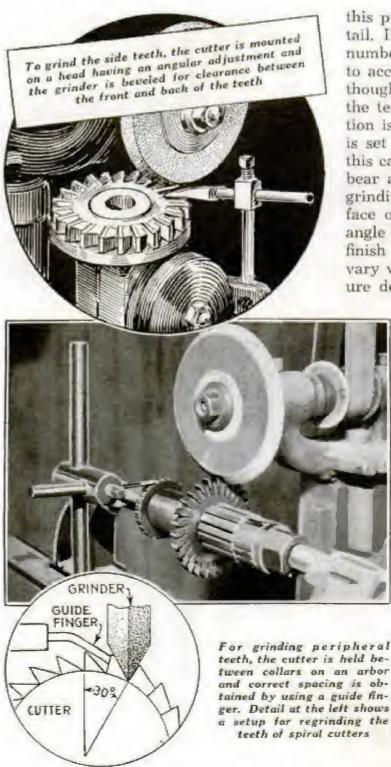
being trued to the correct bevel and fed down into the teeth, one by one, to remove the superfluous metal between them.

The first step is to grind a clearance on the sides of the cutter between the teeth and the center boss with a surface grinding machine, which is fitted with a magnetic chuck and a rotary table, the wheel head being fed back and forth by hand with the turnstile handles. The cutter is



Grinding the necessary clearance on the cutter sides between the teeth and the center boss. This is done readily on a rotary-table surface grinder, which is fitted with a magnetic chuck

located accurately by slipping it over a pin in the chuck center. In this operation, enough metal is removed to give a clearance ranging from 1/16 to 3/16 in., depending on the size of the cutter. The side teeth are then cut on an ordinary grinder, as in the upper circular detail, the cutter being located on a head that has an angular adjustment so that it may be set to get the correct angle. The wheel face is beveled



slightly to give the clearance angle between the front and the back of the teeth, the latter resting against a guide finger, which is flexible so that the teeth are readily located, one after another, and held conveniently in the grinding position.

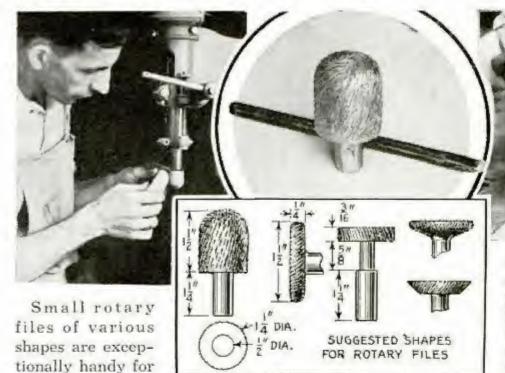
In cutting the peripheral teeth, as shown in the photograph, the cutter is held between collars on an arbor provided for this purpose, the correct spacing between the teeth being obtained by using a guide finger with a slightly hooked end which drops into slots in a collar provided for this purpose. See the lower, circular detail. It is necessary, of course, to provide a number of collars with different spacings to accommodate various cutters. On first thought, it would appear difficult to recut the teeth of spiral cutters, but the operation is comparatively simple if the cutter is set up correctly. The guide finger, in this case, is not flexible, and is brought to bear against the front of the tooth. The grinding wheel must have a double-angle face of about 30° at the back, while the angle at the front must be great enough to finish out the tooth correctly, and will vary with different teeth. Success or failure depends, in a great measure, on the

> grinding wheels, which should be medium grade, 46 grit, 34 in. thick, and from 6 to 8 in. in diameter, although the grade may vary, depending on the rigidity of the machine and other local conditions. However, by experimenting with wheels of various grades, those can be selected that give best results. The surface speed of the wheel may vary anywhere from 4,000 to 5,000 ft. per min. Moderately light cuts must be taken to avoid burning the work, but in grinding high-speed steel, a comparatively deep cut can be taken without burning. The wheels must be trued in a manner to keep them open so that they will cut freely. This can be done with a star-wheel dresser or a mechanical dresser incorporating an abrasive wheel, which is held at an angle against the grinder. The cutters are ground dry in every instance. It might seem that water or other coolant would help keep

down the heat, but experience has taught that dry grinding of high-speed steel is practical.

(Enamel letters that are used in putting the name of a firm on glass are usually cemented in place with a mixture of oil and white lead, which can be softened with ordinary paint remover so that the letters may be gently pried loose. It is generally necessary to leave the paint remover on the letters for an hour or so before they can be removed.

Homemade Rotary Files for Carving Wood



on the shank, which should fit your drill-press routing attachment. When cutting the teeth, clamp the work tightly between two hardwood blocks, with a third block un-

regular shaped pieces of wood and can be made in your own shop if you have a lathe fitted for metal working. If not, you can have the files turned to shape in a machine shop at small cost. After the metal has been turned, the teeth are cut with a sharp cold chisel, and the files hardened. Exact dimensions are of little importance, except

roughing out ir-

derneath to prevent the blank from being driven downward. Then grind a ¼-in. cold chisel to a sharp, rounding edge, and, inclining it in the direction of rotation of the file, cut a series of teeth leading obliquely toward the rounded end. Make the teeth swirl in toward the center of the end. —E, M, Love, San Gabriel, Calif.

Your Initials Burned on Shipping Crates with Blowtorch

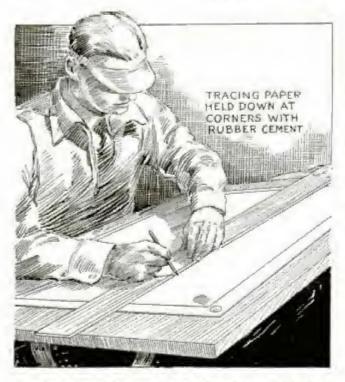
When poultry and produce crates are returned to the shippers, identification among the various dealers is sometimes difficult because the tags are often lost, or painted names are destroyed. To eliminate this trouble, one poultryman uses a sheetmetal stencil and burns his initials on the crates with a blowtorch. The stencil is mounted on a wire handle, and the lettering is outlined with punched perforations.

Renewing Workbench Tops

When the top of a workbench becomes worn, it can be renewed with a covering of quarter-sawed hardwood flooring boards. The boards should be drawn tightly together and toenailed down, after which the surface is treated with linseed oil and then given several coats of cup grease rubbed on and allowed to dry.



Owners' Initials Burned on Shipping Crates with Blowtorch and a Sheet-Metal Stencil



Tracing Paper Fastened over Drawing with Rubber Cement Instead of Thumb Tacks

Tracing Paper Held over Drawing with Rubber Cement

When it is necessary to fasten tracing paper over a drawing, try using a little rubber cement at each corner of the paper instead of thumb tacks to hold it down. This will hold the paper securely and will not mar the drawing as the cement can be removed by rubbing it with art gum.

Removable Racks Hold Bicycles

Instead of building racks in various places about the factory grounds to accommodate employees' and messengers'



bicycles, the manager of the factory made individual holders for the bicycles from lengths of ½-in. steel rod. These were bent to a U-shape, as shown, and the ends were pointed so that they could be driven into the ground easily, permitting the racks to be moved to different loca-

tions on the grounds as necessary. Use a padlock to fasten the bicycle to the rack.

Combination Caliper for Inspecting Cored Castings

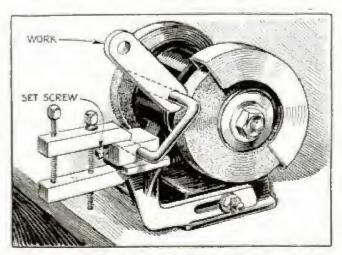
Here is a combination caliper that one machinist finds a time saver in inspecting cored castings. It is used to check the thickness of the walls and the depth of the casting in one operation. One jaw has a scale for measuring the depth of the casting, while one of the handles, which is made longer than the other one.



is bent at right angles, and has a scale for measuring thickness of the walls.

Attachment for Grinding Radii on Steel Links

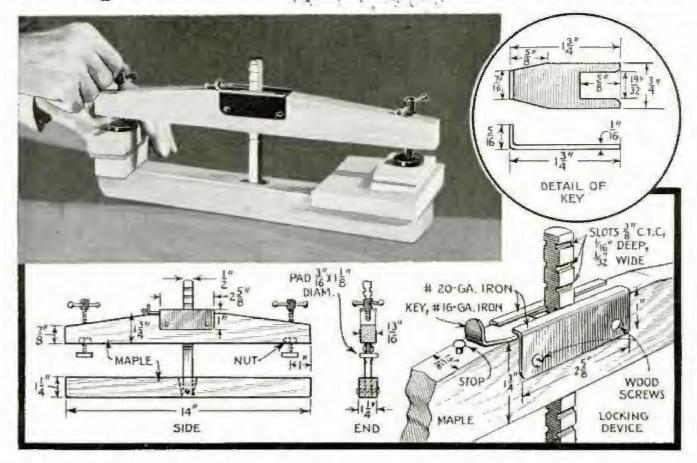
For grinding radii on the ends of steel links, mechanics in a small shop, where the equipment was limited, used the at-



Improvised Attachment, Which Clamps to Grinding Machine for Turning Radii on Ends of Steel Links

tachment shown, which is clamped to the grinder table. It is a steel block, drilled to take a U-shaped rod, and fitted with a set screw, which holds the rod. In use, the holder is adjusted so that the work, when slipped over the rod, will be ground down to the desired radius. If the rod is securely held in place by tightening the set screw, it is an easy matter to grind a large quantity of links to the same size.

Clamp Holds Two Gluing Jobs at One Time

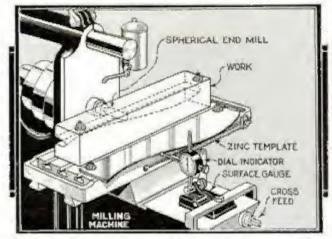


When several small gluing jobs must be done at one time, this pair of clamps will be found handy as two jobs of different thicknesses can be handled at one time. The jaws are fastened together with a square, hardwood piece, which is slotted on opposite sides and bolted loosely in a large mortise in the center of the lower jaw. A square hole in the upper jaw, through which the piece slips, is provided

with a locking device, shown in the upper and lower right-hand details, to engage the slots for spacing the jaws of the clamp. Screws near the ends of the upper jaw may be taken from broken vises or Cclamps, or they may be long bolts, screwed into nuts, which are mortised into the underside surface of the jaw. If bolts are used, they should be fitted with iron pads or disks, loosely riveted to the lower ends.

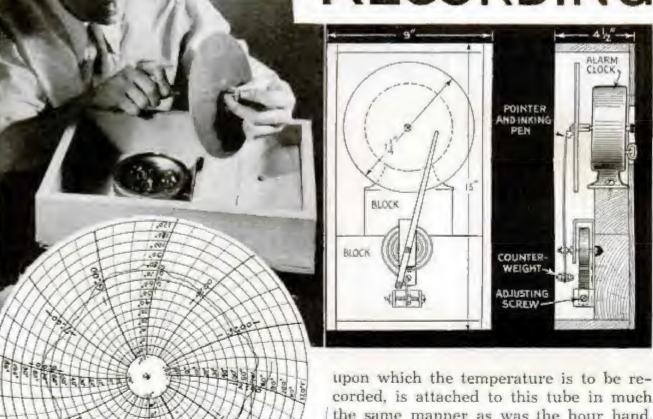
Template and Dial Indicator Aids in Irregular Milling

By using a template, cut to the desired shape of the finished work in connection with a dial indicator held on a surface gauge, irregular shapes can be milled accurately in a milling machine. The template is bolted in one of the T-slots in the machine table and the indicator is mounted as shown. With this set-up, a spherical end mill can be made to cut a groove in the work of the same contour as the template. The long automatic feed is engaged and the cross feed is controlled by hand so that the hand on the indicator remains stationary. If the work is done carefully, retouching with a file is unnecessary.



Irregular Work Cut in a Milling Machine by Using a Template and Dial Indicator

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I / ITH this clock-driven recording the mometer, you can have a record of temperatures throughout the night, or, if you wish to check the effectiveness of your The dial is a disk of light sheet metal, such heating plant, or the insulation in your as aluminum, or better, bakelite. After the home, this simple instrument will not only dial has been made, the next step is to do the watching, but it will write down the build a case for the instrument and carehourly results. The first thing required is fully locate the position at which the theraclock. Inexpensive alarm clocks are the mometer is to be mounted as shown above. simplest to work with, although any clock- \$ work may be used with equally satisfactiemperature unit, which is a strip of bitory results. After removing the glass metallic metal coiled into a spiral. This from the clock face, the hands and dial are material is available at reasonable cost, carefully taken off. On most clocks, the and consists of two strips of metal, solhour hand is attached to a piece of tubing dered together, one being nickel steel, slipped over the slender shaft to which the which does not expand to any great extent minute hand is attached. The rotating dial when heated, and the other an alloy that of the thermometer, to hold a paper chart is yery sensitive to temperature changes.

corded, is attached to this tube in much the same manner as was the hour hand. This is shown in the left-hand detail on the next page. A piece of brass tubing, of such internal diameter that it can be pressed over the hour-hand hollow shaft, is cut to the length indicated and tapped at one end to take a brass machine screw, which holds the dial and the chart in place. The slot in the tube allows it to slip over the shaft readily and still bind tight enough to turn the dial without slipping.

You are now ready to make the sensitive

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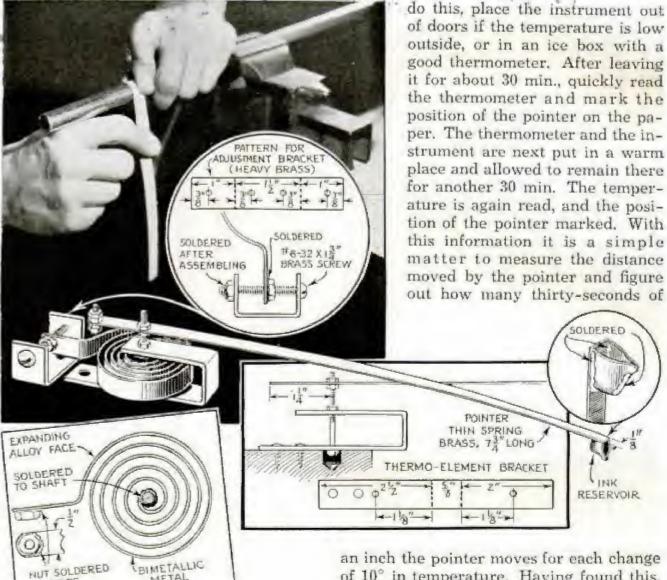
You will need a strip of this metal ½ in. wide and about 18 in. long, as some experimenting and cutting down will be required to get the instrument to indicate accurately. The easiest way to make the spiral is to wind the strip of metal around a ½-in. iron rod. When released, the tight spiral will open up. When winding it, be sure that the expanding, alloy side of the strip is kept to the outside. If you are uncertain as to which is the expanding side, heat the strip cautiously over a flame and note the direction in which it curls, and then wind the spiral in the same direction. When this has been done, the ends should be bent as shown, after which the outside end should be drilled and soldered to a brass nut as shown in the lower left-hand detail on the last page.

The right-hand detail here shows a mounting bracket to hold the sensitive unit. The pivot screw is mounted in the bracket so that it turns freely. The sensitive unit is then soldered to the screw, after which the assembly is fastened to the mounting board in such a position that the end of the pivot screw is exactly 6½ in. below the center of the dial and ½ in. to

the right. The adjusting unit is next constructed as shown in the circular detail. The screw here is also left free to turn in the holes. The nut, which was soldered to the sensitive unit, is threaded onto the screw before pushing it through the other arm of the bracket. The holding nut may be put in place at this time, however, it should not be soldered until after all adjustments have been made.

The pointer is made next according to the details shown. It is % in. wide at one end and tapered to 1/8 in. The ink well is the only part which may prove troublesome. This also serves as a pen to write on the paper as the pointer moves it. The point of the well should be shaped as shown, but it should be free from burrs that might catch in the paper. The ink to be used may be ordinary red or green ink, 3 parts and glycerine, 1 part. The glycerine is to prevent evaporation. The pointer is mounted on the element shaft in such a position that its end is approximately in the center of the recording space, that is, halfway between the center of the dial and the right-hand edge.

After all of the parts have been made



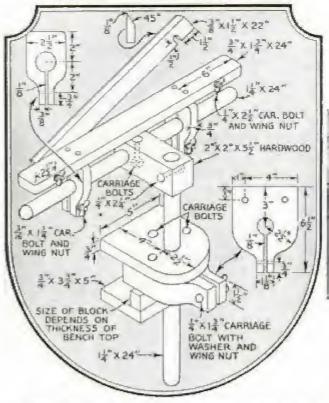
and tried out to make certain that they fit accurately, the sensitive element should be removed and placed in an oven and heated slowly to about 300° Fahr. When this temperature has been reached, the oven should be allowed to cool slowly without disturbing the element. This heating and cooling will need to be repeated three or four times before the unit is ready to use. Thermo elements of this type will not read accurately unless they are heat treated in this manner. After heat treating the unit, it may be installed into the case and given final adjustment. For this, a plain paper disk is placed on the dial, and the pen adjusted so that it will make an even line as the pointer moves slowly back and forth. Next, the paper disk should be calibrated, that is, it should be determined just how far the needle moves when the temperature increases 10°. To

an inch the pointer moves for each change of 10° in temperature. Having found this, you are ready to draw a chart for the instrument, shown on the first page. The spacing between the circles is the same as the distance the pointer moves for each 10° change in temperature. If this distance is too large, you may reduce it by cutting off part of the spiral.

When the chart has been drawn up carefully, you may have a printing plate made from it, and then have charts printed whenever they are needed. Each chart is good for 12 hours.

With a chart in place on the recorder, and the pointer held away from the paper so as to prevent ink splotches, turn the setting screw on the clock until the exact time to which the pen points on the chart is the same as indicated by your watch. Next read a good thermometer and turn the adjusting screw until the pointer of the recorder indicates the same temperature on the chart and your outfit is ready to make an accurate record.

Adjustable Maulstick Aids in Painting Models



The difficulty of painting neat, straight stripes on models, owing to lack of firm support for the hand, is overcome with this adjustable maulstick. It not only assures a rigid hand rest at any convenient point, but also provides straight and curved edges as guides. Besides this, it will hold stencils for spraying details on a model. The base consists of an assembly of two wood blocks to clamp over the edge of a workbench top, and a wood clamp, or pinch clevis, the latter being used to ad-



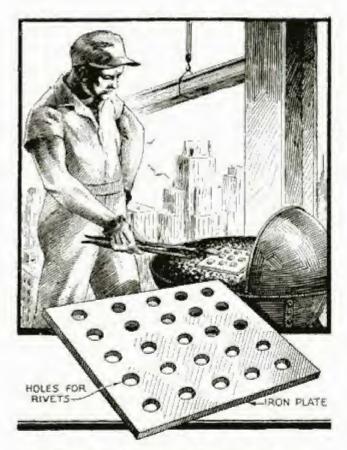
just a standard, which supports the upper assembly. A hardwood block bolted rigidly to the upper end of the standard carries a horizontal rod, to which is clamped a hand rest by means of two clevises similar to the one in the base. With this arrangement, the rest can be shifted crosswise or inclined for working on top of the model. To the ends of the rest, a straightedge is bolted, the holes in the end of which are cut out from the lower edge so that either end may be used as a pivot without removing the bolts from the rest. To use the maulstick, stand the model on the bench top or a box, and adjust the hand rest to a convenient height and distance from the surface to be painted.

Wet Photographic Negatives Dried with Rubber Sponges

To quickly dry wet negatives, one photographer draws them between two rubber sponges. These are held in a galvanized-iron handle bent to the shape shown. The edges of the handle are bent over to form shallow channels to fit the sponges, which are held in place by strong thread. This is passed through the sides of the sponges with a needle and brought out through small holes, drilled in the top and bottom of the handle. The sponges should be moistened with water before using them.—W. Edward White, Plymouth, N. H.

(Glossy enamel will dry dull if enamel undercoater is mixed with the last coat.





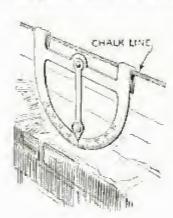
Iron Rivets Heated without Burning the Heads by Holding Them in the Fire with Iron Plate

Iron Rivets Heated without Burning the Heads

One workman who heats iron rivets used in steel construction jobs, recommends holding them in the fire with a piece of ¼-in. iron or steel plate in which a number of holes have been drilled. He claims this method allows them to be heated without any possibility of burning the heads, which do not come in direct contact with the fire.—Don Benn Owens, Jr., Dayton, Ohio.

Simple Device Levels Chalk Line

Provided with a swinging pointer, this simple device will be found handy for get-



ting chalk lines level. It is cut from sheet aluminum and the pointer, which is weighted at the lower end, is loosely pivoted in place. If desired, a scale to show various angles may be used. When using the device, the line must be taut.

Printing Photos from Wet Negatives

One photographer, who often had rush jobs, saved much time by printing photos while the negatives were still wet. To do this, the negatives were developed in the regular way, after which they were re-

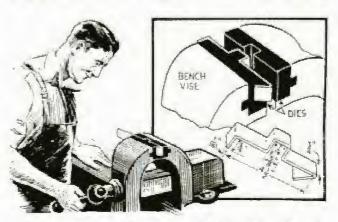
moved from the bath and the water shaken off. A sheet of clear Cellophane was then applied to both sides of the negatives with a squeegee so that they could be handled to make the prints. With this method, the photographer



claimed he was often able to deliver rush jobs one hour after the exposure was made.

Utilizing Bench Vise as a Punch Press

In a shop where there was no punch press available, I made a quantity of brass stampings in a heavy bench vise, the jaws of which were fitted with dies machined from cold-rolled steel. The dies were used to form the center portions of the stampings, the ends being formed with a few



Half-Hard Brass Stampings Made in Vise Fitted with Dies of Cold-Rolled Steel

blows of a rawhide hammer while the stampings were still in the vise.—Charles Kugler, Philadelphia, Pa.

Marble and porcelain are easily cleaned by applying with a stiff brush an acid solution consisting of diatomaceous earth, 3 oz., sodium sulphate, 5½ lbs., and sulphuric acid, 9 oz. The solution, which is corrosive, is washed off with water.

Suggestions AUTO OWNERS

TO LUBRICATE DOOR LOCKS. FIRELY POWDERED GRAPH-ITE IS HETTER THAN OIL. WHICH CONDEALS AND COL-LECTS BIRT



Repairing Cracked Fender on Old Cars



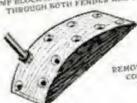
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CLAMP TLOCK AND DELL HOLES FOR WOOD SCREWS THROUGH BOTH FERDER AND INTO BLOCK

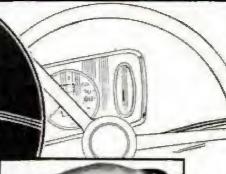


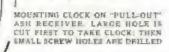
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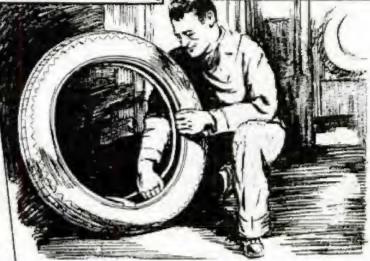
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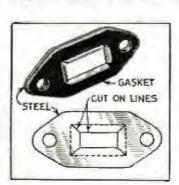
Wide Rubber Bands Stretched over Cylinder-Head Bolts Protect Hands When Working on Motor

Rubber Bands on Cylinder-Head Bolts Protect Hands

When working on an auto motor with the cylinder head removed, it is a good idea to cut wide rubber bands from an old inner tube and stretch them around the projecting studs as shown. This will help prevent cutting the hands on the threads if a wrench should slip while loosening or tightening a nut. Two or three bands will be sufficient for most motors.— Joe Gratz, Chicago.

How to Prevent Exhaust-Manifold Gaskets Blowing Out

I have found that the tendency of some cars to blow out exhaust-manifold gaskets



can be overcome by using a thin, sheet-steel gasket in connection with the regular gasket. The center hole in the steel gasket is made % in. smaller than the regular one so that the edges of the hole

can be flanged. The gaskets are installed with the steel one next to the motor, the flanges projecting outward so that they fit inside of the opening in the manifold when it is put in place.—James W. Clift, Columbus, Ohio.

Speed Nuts to Adjust Bearings on Connecting Rods

To save time in screwing nuts on and off connecting-rod bolts, when adjusting the bearings, make up a couple of special

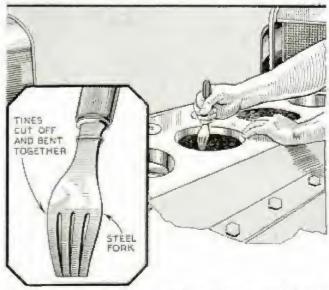
nuts of the type shown. These are merely extra nuts to fit the bolts, and have short collars welded to them so that a bearing can be tightened without having to drive the nuts almost the entire length of the threaded portion of the bolts. After



the bearing has been adjusted correctly, the special nuts are removed, and the regular ones screwed in place.

Efficient Carbon Scraper Made from Table Fork

An ordinary table fork will be found a handy tool for scraping carbon from a car motor. The tines of the fork are bent to-



Carbon Is Readily Scraped from Smooth and Irregular Surfaces Inside Car Motor with Table Fork

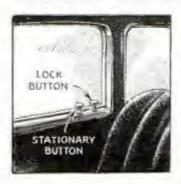
gether, after which the ends are filed to a chisel-like edge. The individual cutting edges of the tines will follow the most irregular surfaces, yet they will spring back in line for cleaning smooth surfaces.

Best woods for enamel finishes are birch, poplar, white pine, whitewood or gumwood.

Condenser Prevents Burning of Contacts in Headlight Switch

The burning of light-switch or cut-out contact points may be lessened considerably by bridging a suitable condenser across them. The size of condenser required will depend on the current flow across the contacts, but in general a .5-mfd. radio condenser is satisfactory.

Guards for Lock Buttons on Car Doors

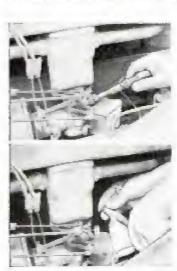


On cars that have small buttons projecting above the window ledges for locking the doors from inside, it will be found a good idea to mount an extra button in front of each lock

as shown. These serve as guards to prevent the lock buttons from being bent.

Sand in Carburetor Causes Trouble

Some types of auxiliary air-valve carburetors, which employ an air dashpot control for slowing the action of the valve, are occasionally made inoperative by small particles of sand jamming the piston of the dashpot. The sand particle can be removed by anyone if care is taken to readjust the valve, which must be taken out for cleaning. Counting the number of turns as the valve is screwed out and then



turning it back exactly the same number of turns when re-assembling, will assure the proper adjustment after cleaning. The cylinder is best cleaned with a small piece of cloth, while the piston is cleaned by spilling a small amount of clean gasoline through the hole in which

it seats. The excess gas is then blown out of the cup-shaped piston, and the spring and screw re-assembled.



Motor-Knock Sounder Assists in Locating Knocks Made by Worn Bearings, Pistons, and Other Parts

Sounding Rod Locates Motor Knocks

A funnel soldered to the end of a metal rod makes an inexpensive but effective motor-knock sounder for locating loose bearings, piston slaps, and other operating defects. The rod is long enough to enable the funnel to be held against the ear while touching the other end to various spots about the motor.

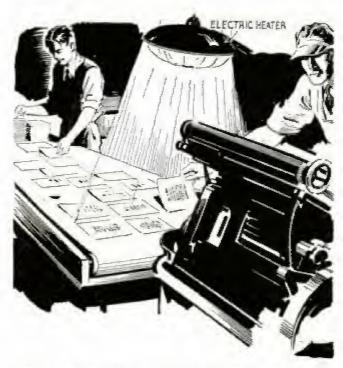
Set Screw Locks Hinge Pin on Car Door

To prevent burglars from entering your car by removing the pins from the door hinges, drill a hole through the center portion of each hinge, and part way through the pin. Then tap the



hole, and drive in a set screw as shown, first countersinking the hole so that the screw head will not interfere with opening or closing the door.

¶If, after overhauling the rear-axle assembly of a car, a hum occurs when the motor is pulling, the ring gear and drive pinion mesh too tightly, but if the hum occurs when the car is coasting, the gears are meshing too loosely.



Ink on Printed Matter Quickly Dried by Passing It under Electric Heater

Printed Cards Quickly Dried with Electric Heater

While visiting a small printing shop, I noticed a workman taking cards from a press and placing them on an endless belt, which carried them slowly under an electric heater suspended above the belt. A workman at the other end of the belt was stacking the cards. The owner of the shop claimed that the heater dried the ink on the cards so that they could be stacked immediately, thus enabling him to get out rush jobs quickly that would ordinarily require several hours in waiting for the ink to dry.—Emil J. Novak, Omaha, Nebr.

¶An efficient hand soap for mechanics may be made by dissolving powdered soap chips in an equal amount of hot lard. Before cooling, the mixture should be poured into a shallow pan to harden.

The Next Issue

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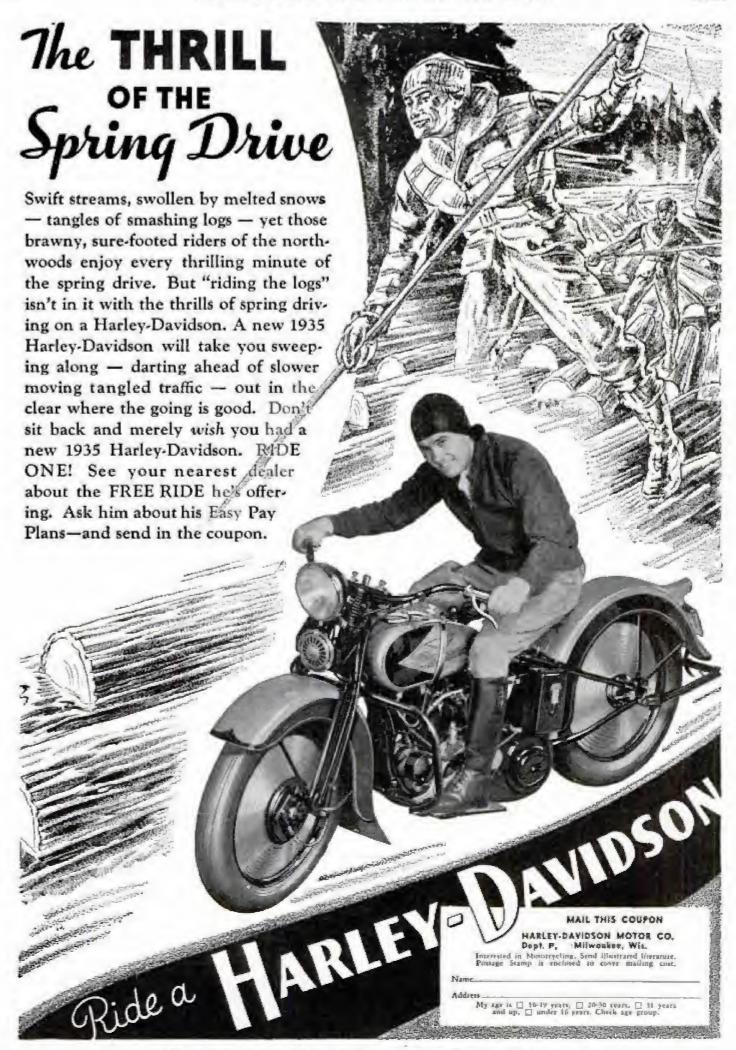
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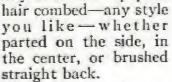
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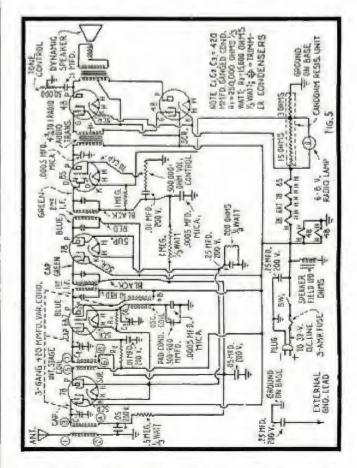


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FARM SET WORKS ON 32 VOLTS D. C.

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be grounded; all ground connections are made directly to the metal chassis. An itemized list of all parts used in the original model and further information, can be obtained from Popular Mechanics radio department upon application without charge. The ratio of the audio transformer is 4¾ to 1, and the intermediate-frequency transformers are 175 k.c. An enlarged blueprint of all layout and wiring diagrams is



available, those who wish it should specify blueprint R-208.

To balance the set, plug into 32-volt line and reverse plug if no noise is heard in speaker. Use a small screwdriver and adjust the trimmer condensers on top of the I.F. coils to maximum noise. Next turn the oscillator trimmer, on top of the rear ganged condenser section C3, all the way in and then turn it out 11/4 turns. Now open the ganged condenser plates out about 1/8 full open, and adjust the trimmers on sections C1 and C2 to maximum noise. While balancing the set be sure that no station is tuned in. The last step is to turn the ganged-condenser plates in about % fully closed and adjust the padder condenser for maximum noise.

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ALL-WAVE SUPER BUILT WITH STANDARD PARTS

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type-42 power output tube; the rectifier is a standard 80 tube in a built-in powersupply unit. There are no coils to wind and the I.F. transformers are pre-tuned so that an oscillator is not required to tune up the set after it is assembled. The tuning range is from 10 to 550 meters; six pair of plug-in coils are provided for the various bands. The circuit calls for a dvnamic speaker with a 1,000-ohm field and a transformer to match its voice coil to the single type-42 output tube.

Fig. 2 shows the speaker-cable and plug connections. The selection of a speaker and a baffle or housing for it, largely determines the tone quality. The larger the speaker baffle, the more efficiently the deep tones will be reproduced. A tone control is not used as it merely reduces the intensity of the desirable higher frequencies that go to make high fidelity reproduction possible. However, experimenters who desire a tone control can install an extra volume control, in series with a .05 mfd. fixed condenser across the R-10 detector plate resistor and suppress the higher audio frequencies.

Standard 110 to 120-volt, 60-cycle a.c. is the only suitable source of power; the set draws less than 60 watts from the houselighting system. A line filter condenser in the transformer primary prevents outside interference from the a.c. line entering the receiver through the power circuit. The antenna may be a plain wire 40 to 80 ft. long and from 10 to 40 ft, above the ground or metal roofing. It should consist of one continuous length of copper antenna wire well insulated with glass or porcelain insulators. A good connection to earth by means of a ground clamp on a cold-water pipe is necessary with an antenna of this description. In noisy locations it may be necessary to use an antenna of the doublet type. This system consists of two equal lengths of antenna pick-up wire connected to a twisted-pair transmission wire leadin which goes directly to the antenna and ground posts of the receiver; in this case the ground lead may be omitted. Noiseeliminating antenna systems employing homemade impedance-matching transformers were described in detail in the February, 1935, issue,

DINNER TABLE TRICKS

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crumples the paper, drops it in an empty glass and ignites the paper. Just as the paper is about to finish burning, he turns the glass upside down and plunges it into the saucer. The water is sucked up into the glass. There is the coin, high and dry. The magician takes the coin from the saucer, raises the glass and the water surges back into the saucer.

As a conclusion the performer can demonstrate his ability as a mind reader. To do this, he utilizes various objects which he places conspicuously upon the table. such as a pitcher, a saucer, knife, fork and cup. A person is chosen to act as the "subject." He thinks of any one object, then turns about and faces away from the table while the performer approaches to study the articles on display.

"I want you to think of your choice," states the performer. "Begin to spell the name of the object slowly to yourself, letter by letter. As you think of each letter. say 'Go,' and I shall touch an object. After you have spelled the final letter, say 'Stop.' The others will watch to see that I make no further move."

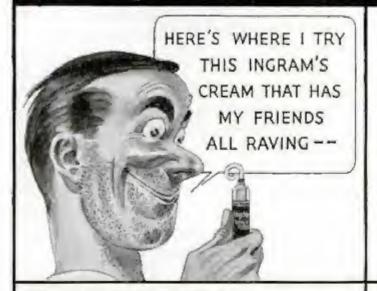
With each "Go," the magician touches an object on the table. Just after he touches the pitcher, the subject says "Stop." Keeping his hand on the pitcher, the magician asks the name of the object on which the subject was concentrating. Without turning, the subject announces that the chosen

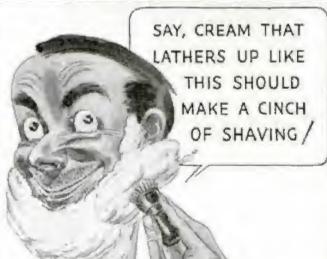
articles was the pitcher.

There is no collusion between the performer and his subject. The trick works automatically, but only the demonstrator knows it. The secret lies in the proper choice of articles. Each item must be spelled with a different number of letters as cup, fork, knife,

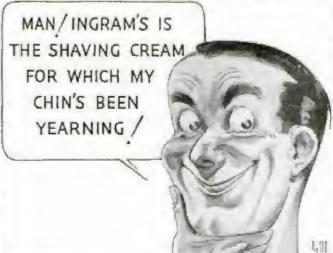
The magician thinks of these objects in terms of letters: cup as three; fork as four; knife as five. In touching the articles as the subject spells mentally, the performer touches at random on the first two commands to "Go"; but on the third order he touches the cup. He touches the fork on the fourth order; the knife on the fifth, and so on. Though no one realizes it, he is spelling with the person who is thinking of the object. When the person suddenly says "stop," the magician is touching the object the speller selected.

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Geological experts say much of the west's underground wealth remains untouched.

"Take Tonopah as an example," said Letson Balliet, mining engineer and geologist. "From an area of less than 600 acres of ground, just one mine, the famous Mizpah, has produced approximately \$250,-000,000. Yet not long ago a miner shipped from his lease in the Mizpah a fifty-ton car of gold and silver ore from which he received smelter returns of \$10,000. Another leaser has just uncovered two rich stringers in a section of the mine from which samples ran \$500 a ton."

Walter W. Bradley, state mineralogist of California, recently estimated California has \$600,000,000 in virgin gold easily reached; \$900,000,000 available to quartz or hard-rock miners able to follow veins 7,000 feet or more; and a total maximum amount of \$2,233,393,500 in gold recover-

able in a period ending in 1950.

"Don't forget that old Mother Nature has been helping us for the past fifty years," suggests a veteran miner. "Tailings in some old mine dumps were worth a few dollars a ton to begin with. Wind and the rain have washed tons of dirt out of the heap, leaving the gold behind. Many old dumps have grown a lot richer this way."

The stamping ground of many Washington prospectors underwent a complete rejuvenation last winter. Mad torrents gouged out new channels, doing in a few days what hundreds of prospectors could not have accomplished in years. Miles of virgin ground in Idaho also have been ex-

posed by floods.

Millions in placer wealth today rest deep beneath the burden washed down from decomposing hills. Hidden ledges never touched by the prospector's pick have lately been exposed by floods that ripped off the surface covering. Western deserts are believed to be full of deposits of goldbearing sediments washed down from rich lodes in the surrounding mountains, and since covered by desert sands.

Sometimes strangers' eyes are keener than those of men who have lived in the country for years. Thousands of prospectors had tramped over property in the Silver City district of Nevada before a Reno

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TACKLE TIPS FOR THE FISHERMAN

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ing a thin protecting film of oil. This attention for the tackle box is especially important if it has been near salt water. Does the box need a new coat of paint? There are some excellent rubber and aluminum paints that combine real protection with a new face for your favorite box.

While the box is drying, and all the contents are spread out on the table, is a fine time to examine plugs and spoons. Look for broken or rusted hooks. Nothing is more exasperating than losing a fish because of a rusty hook that parted during the struggle. Some of the favorite plugs will need to be touched up with a little paint, and this gives you a chance to originate your own color schemes.

Make a note of the essentials you always carry in your tackle box and may want to replace. How about the mosquito dope, and the first-aid kit, and a good knife? And that gaff, or landing net may need to be straightened and cleaned of rust. Wipe it off as you do the steel rods and the tackle box, with an oily rag.

The cork butts on your rods may be dirty and will look like new after you've gone over them with a fine sandpaper. Be careful not to sandpaper any metal trimmings but clean off the dirt and you'll be rewarded with a fresh, workmanlike appearance well worth the trouble.

And now we come to that collection of flies! Remember that the pleasant breath of spring is the time for hungry moths.

When I put flies away for the winter, I get powdered naphthaline and some glass jars that have screw tops. Put in a little of the moth chaser and turn the top tight. With this done they should go through the winter without damage. But now is a good time to look through the drawers and on the closet shelf to be sure none are lying around.

Now that you have checked your flies, and they all are safely bottled, and your tackle has been brought to top condition again, I suggest you leave that one bright red fly in that battered felt hat—the one everybody wants you to throw away—just as a gaudy, cheery reminder that the fishing season will soon be here. Any day now you'll be sallying forth with the assurance that this time that big fellow won't get away!





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man recently took a sample of the unpromising looking rock and discovered an eighteen-inch vein of rich ore.

Pure chance is just as much a factor as ever. Tom Farley, small-scale miner, dug down only a foot into ground that had been panned on the surface by many prospectors, and found small streaks of gold running as high as \$1,000 a ton. Farley set up a small mill, and is now working in a shaft which has been worked and abandoned time and again.

A certain Nevada mine had been worked for years and finally, on the advice of min-

ing engineers, was abandoned. Not long ago, a young man took a lease and started following a little streak in an old stope. He followed it a short distance, when it

widened out and developed into a bonanza ore shoot, making its owner wealthy.

As one old-timer put it, "Since we have thirty-five-dollar gold, the stuff that was just country rock before, now is ore." If a man has a little capital, he can get other men to help him dig for about five dollars a shift. Materials are cheaper than in boom days. Railroad freight on supplies is only about half what it used to be. Coal, crude oil, and timber are cheaper than before; yet gold brings almost twice as much.

Many are reprospecting the old dumps in search of the gold that slipped through crude milling machinery of earlier days. From the mill dumps of the old Comstock Lode of Nevada, material has long been washing down into surrounding gullies, and now and then a miner will find a pocket of amalgam containing mercury and gold, lost half a century ago from the mills. Many who are placering small deposits are making only a dollar or less per day. But there are dozens of more experienced prospectors who have already gone back into the old diggings and found new wealth.

Then there are genuine lost mines whose lone owners never came back. Along the border on the Mexican side are some of the greatest lost mines in the world. These mines were operated by rich Spaniards, who kept them as family possessions and mined only as they needed cash. When these families were overthrown, the secret of the mines was lost. Prospectors have been looking for them ever since.









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STUNTS OF MOVIE MAGICIANS

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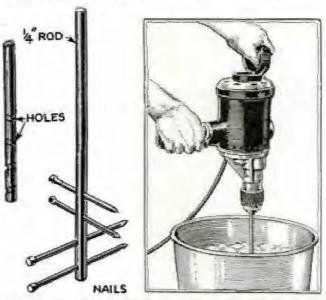
Most shipwrecks and airplane crashes that you see on the screen are done with models. A collision at sea is made easy by mounting the miniature ships on underwater tracks so they may be pulled together by wires. Breakaway bows enable cameramen to photograph realistic disasters and a stricken ship is made to sink slowly beneath the waves by pulling a wire threaded through a pulley at the bottom of the tank. All miniature water action is shot at high speed so when the film is run at regular speed, ripples on the water look like slow swells and the ship swings smoothly instead of bobbing up and down.

The motion picture background is now so common that nearly every picture exhibited contains this special effect. You may be sure, whenever you see a close-up of the inside of a taxicab, with scenery moving by outside the window, that the cab was filmed while standing still with the scenery projected on a screen outside the window. For one thing, it would be nearly impossible to record the sounds of conversation inside a taxicab moving through city traffic.

A Hollywood invention is "fourth dimensional" sound by which voices in the theater actually come from the parts of the screen the speakers occupy. A speech seems distant or close, or from left or right, according to where the speaker stands. This is accomplished by the use of several separate sound tracks on the film, each connected to an individual loud speaker properly placed behind the screen.

Electric Drill Used for Mixing Glue

For mixing large quantities of waterproof glue, an electric hand drill has been found useful. The stirring device, which is gripped in the chuck of the drill, con-



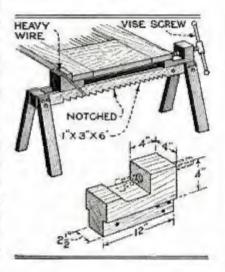
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sists of a short piece of ¼-in. iron rod or steel. Two sets of slanting holes are drilled through the rod near one end to take four small finishing nails, which are driven halfway through.

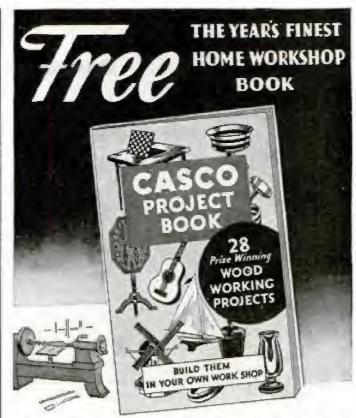
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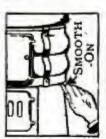
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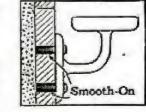
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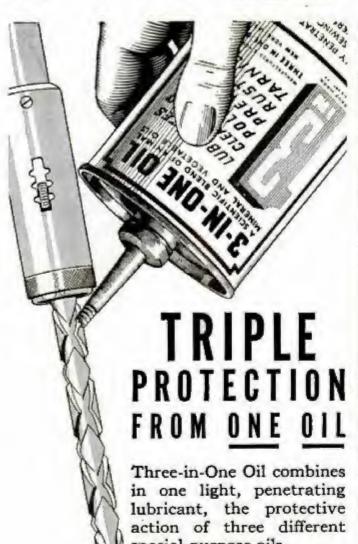
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many white-tailed deer, at Bryce are many mule-foot deer and Zion also has mulefoot deer, elk and mountain sheep. At Crater lake there are deer and bears. In Glacier park deer, goats and mountain sheep roam by the hundreds and thousands. Grand Teton is noted for its moose and black bears, wolverines and deer are in Sequoia. McKinley park in Alaska has the famous Dall sheep and caribou. The parks are also a rendezvous for all kinds of migratory waterfowl which may stay unmolested by the hand of man.

Those who wish to travel in the parks may find all manner of accommodations at their disposal. This means you can spend your vacation in the parks at most any price you wish to pay-the only other expenses being transportation and a small entrance fee at some of the parks. Policing, sanitation and good water are provided. You can sleep in your own tent, cook your own food over your own campfire or avail yourself of nearby lodges, a cabin or a high class hotel. You can even rent camping equipment, such as stoves, blankets, pillows. You can roam through the parks at will in your own car or you can take a bus or travel horseback.

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In addition to our natural parks historical objects are being preserved by the park service for the benefit of coming Americans. National monuments now are under the park service. This means that such places as Jamestown, Va., first settlement in America: Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered; Wakefield, the birthplace of Washington, and Monticello, the home of Jefferson, are to be preserved. Mount Vernon is already provided for.

Our largest national park is Yellowstone, containing 3,437 square miles; the smallest, Platt national park, Oklahoma, containing one and one-third square miles. Hot Springs, Arkansas, runs it a close race, it being slightly under one and one-half square miles in area.



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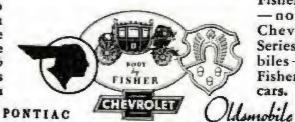
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of lions and tigers to attack except to kill for food. The animal considered most dangerous to trainers is the black leopard, for the reason that the smaller animal fears man and is therefore a package of quenchless hate.

On the other hand the lion's magnanimity is not kindliness. Making friends with a lion, says Bernardi, after thirty years experience, is pure romantic nonsense. The closest you can get to that is the total, blank indifference of an animal that knows neither fear nor hate.

If you ever are around when a lion escapes the thing to do is to keep quiet in the most open space and he probably will not give you a thought. He is looking for a dark place to get out of sight.

What to do if a lion gets you down? Capt. Bernardi says try to get up again. If you are on your feet and get away he probably won't follow. If you are down under him he may take an angry or experimental bite. A lion which has chewed a man is a lion spoiled. He must be shot or sold to a zoo.

The usual beginning of a trainer is the husky boy who joins the circus to be near the animals. There he becomes helper, whip-boy, cage hand, head keeper, assistant trainer. His chance to get on the bill usually comes when the trainer has been hurt. Then the assistant must show his mettle by going in to save him and get him out.

Breeding farms have oversupplied the market for lions. Jungle beasts require from one to two years seasoning to cage life before they can be shipped on steamers or they will die en route. Tigers also are plentiful. A good performing lion or tiger is worth up to \$1,200.

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INSIDE STUFF OF BIG LEAGUERS

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body before, during and at the finish of the wind-up. This is obtained by first placing the feet squarely upon the ground with body erect and in contact with the mound rubber. At the peak of the windup the ball still is hidden from the eyes of the batter.

When there is a runner on first base the pitcher's feet are placed squarely on the ground. His rear foot is braced against the rubber, front foot forward directly towards the batter with the toe pointed diagonally towards the plate. His body is erect and his shoulders level. His body is turned slightly so that the left shoulder points half way between home base and first base. The pitcher can now turn his head toward first and back again without committing a balk. The glove hand covers the hand with the ball, hiding the grasp, so he is prepared to throw to first or pitch to the plate.

Correct pitching form involves the proper balance and position of the leg kick so that the pitcher will get the maximum power behind his throw. At the peak of the leg kick, the pitcher drops his throwing arm at full length and twists the body, pivoting upon the right leg and raising his left leg upward in front and around slightly to present his back partly to the batter. At the same time he keeps his front shoulder low enough to insure clear vision on the plate.

Besides the proper stance before and during the pitch, an important fundamental is the "follow through." At the end of the throw the feet should end squarely with the plate, apart at a comfortable distance to insure a perfect balance. The eyes and head face the batter. The pitcher in this position is prepared to stop line drives, field bunted balls to the left and right, or dash to first base where he will be in a position to cover this bag when a ball is hit to his left and fielded by the first baseman.

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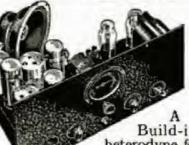
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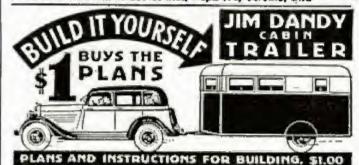
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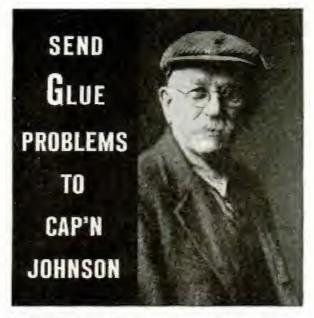
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New hazards to life, however, are the chemical substances already mentioned, such as carbon-monoxide gas, benzene, the aniline derivatives of various kinds, lead and arsenic. Great attention has been attracted in recent years to the fact that a chemical substance containing the benzene ring-a chemical arrangement of six carbon molecules-when taken into the body of a person who is sensitive, produces a sudden drop in the white blood cells which protect the body against infection. Among the drugs which contain the benzene ring are pyramidon, a remedy used to relieve pain, also associated with various sleep producing drugs, and also the drug called dinitrophenol, used in weight reduction.

Because of the increasing number of deaths from carbon monoxide and from mercury poisoning, chemists and physicians have combined in studies to control these two conditions. New methods in treatment of mercury poisoning have been developed which may yield eventual success. Great interest has been manifested also in the use of methylene blue as a specific antidote against poisoning with car-

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Research on cancer continues throughout the world, concerned principally with the nature of the cancer cells. Investigators have found out that cancer cells use sugar to maintain their growth. They have found that there is a tendency to inherit cancer when there is inbreeding in cancer types. Electrical engineers have developed X-ray apparatus more powerful than ever produced heretofore. Such X-ray apparatus is exceedingly useful in the treatment of cancers that cannot be reached in other ways. Radium is also increasingly utilized in bombs of high potency which permit shortening of the period of treatment as well as more successful treatment.

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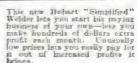
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Control is the ability to hit the one-three pocket with the first ball. Strikes, however, will not always result, and it is in picking off the remaining pins for spares that the accuracy developed by practicing trick shots will count. A good test for con-

trol is to remove all pins except the two and three. The three pin should be kept on its spot, while the two is moved three inches to the left. This will give the ball one and two-thirds inches clearance. When you can roll between these two pins four times out of five you have developed real control.

Now set up all the pins except the five. eight and nine, and attempt to pick them all off, one at a time. If you fail to get your pin, or get more than one, start over again. If you think those two shots are a bit too hard for you, try lining up the back row seven, eight, nine and ten and picking the pins off one at a time, starting over again when you miss or take two. The big trick here, of course, is to take the ten pin. It should be left until the last, unless you want to make the trick harder, for in attempting to keep out of the gutter you will tend to shave it too thin and take the nine with it. Getting the ten will be easier with a straight ball, for with a hook you must take advantage of the full width of the alley, and even then the ball must almost roll in the gutter before it breaks in order to score a hit.

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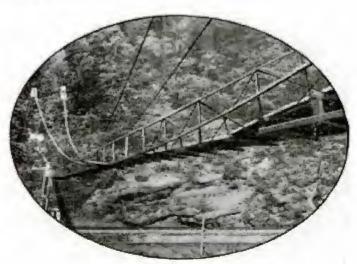
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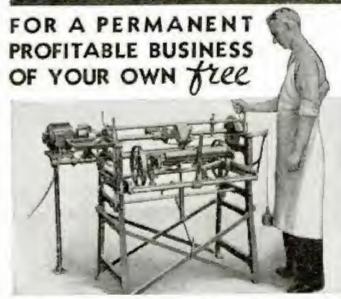
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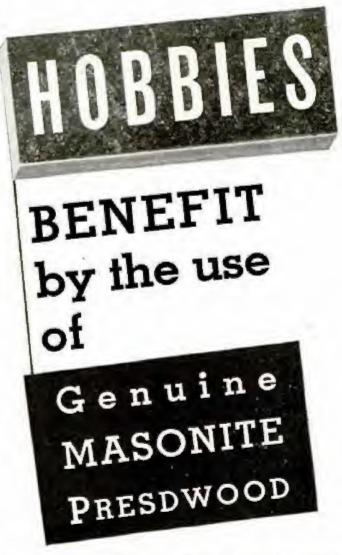
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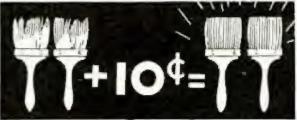
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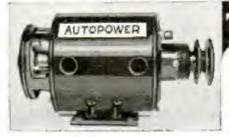
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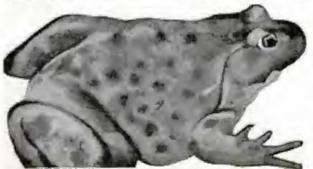
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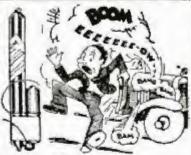
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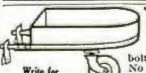
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